

TASSE SCHEME IS ENDORSED

TO MAKE VICTORIA A CITY BEAUTIFUL

A. H. McCurdy Points Out Gratifying Results Obtained in Washington.

The principal citizens of Victoria continue to give their hearty and unstinted approval to the Tasse scheme for the beautifying of the city, and, moreover, each prominent citizen who has been approached by the Times gives different reasons for this adherence to the project, yet one and all arrive at the same result.

A. W. McCurdy, in the course of a conversation with a representative of the Times this morning, enunciated some very cogent reasons why the scheme should be adopted without delay.

"It should be a matter of pride for every person who lives in British Columbia to see the capital of the province in which he makes his home a thing of beauty. This principle has been adopted and carried out in almost every capital throughout the Dominion. Ottawa has done it, Winnipeg has done it, Regina has done it, Edmonton will do it and the only city which has not yet made a move in this direction is Victoria."

"Why should the provincial government give a grant to the capital city?"

"That would seem to me to be a question which it is very easy to answer. The capital of a province is the home of the people. It is the city to which every person must come to do some business or for other reasons, sooner or later. Perhaps the most notable instance of a city in which this policy of beautifying the city has been followed out on the largest and most complete scale is Washington."

"Washington, as you know, is a city of some 500,000 people. Yet 20 years ago Washington was in almost precisely the same condition as Victoria is to-day with regard to the beauty which it lacked. The matter was taken hold of in this case by congress precisely for the reason that I stated above with regard to Victoria. The people of the United States took a pride in their capital and a large grant was made for the establishment of parks, the planting of trees, the boulevarding of the streets and, in short, for any purpose which could tend to make the city more attractive. And what has been the result?"

"To-day Washington, D. C. possesses residences which are unequalled for size, for beauty and for elegance on the entire American continent. Any person who climbs to the top of the Washington monument, some 560 feet, in the month of May and looks over the city cannot see the roofs of the houses. All that meets his eye is a waving mass of many-colored foliage. And yet in many ways Washington does not possess the natural advantages which have been given to Victoria. She has not got waterways, her climate is not to be compared with ours. Any tree which can be grown in Washington, D. C. can most certainly be grown in Victoria. More than that, many flowering shrubs which it would be impossible to grow in the climate of Washington on account of the extremes of heat and cold which they suffer from, would flourish here like green bay trees."

"It is the duty of the government, in my opinion, to take up this matter and to take it up at once. Now is the time. If they do not take it up now, they will find that within a very limited space of time the people will demand that this thing be done and what has to be done eventually might just as well be done now when such a step would produce far superior results."

"To revert to Washington. To show the whole-hearted manner in which the commission went into this matter they prohibited the trains from passing through the city limits unless they used electric power as a means of locomotion. Moreover they issued an order to the effect that no soft coal should be used in the city. This step was taken, because many of the buildings are composed of white marble and therefore it did not affect Victoria. But it is interesting as showing how important the people of the capital of the United States consider it is to have a 'City Beautiful.' Already Victoria has proved that she is to be the residential city of British Columbia, and I can conceive of no step which would hasten the development of the city from this aspect than the adornment and embellishment of the city. It is of course impossible that anything can be done at this session, but the people of the city can become interested and so pave the way for the time when the request can be made."

"One word in closing. I wish to say that I thoroughly endorse every word of what Mr. Pemberton said in the Times yesterday concerning the state of the streets. This matter should be looked into at once and if one man had charge of the work exclusively the result would be more satisfactory."

DEATH OF POLICE CHIEF.

Utica, N. Y., Feb. 29.—Chief of Police Charles A. Cleveland of this city died this morning. He has been chief since 1892. His death was caused by cancer.

EDISON'S ILLNESS.

New York, Feb. 29.—The condition of Thomas A. Edison who has undergone two operations within a few days was reported as somewhat improved to-day.

SIX DAY WALKING RACE. Hoagland Still Leading by Five Miles in Kansas City Contest.

Kansas City, Feb. 29.—With one more day to compete, Hoagland still has a lead of over five miles in the six day walking match. Slater, who is second, is walking in good form, having gained a mile on Hoagland since yesterday. The score at midnight last night was: Hoagland, 228 miles, five laps; Slater, 226 miles; Meesler, 222 miles, five laps; Player, 222 miles, one lap; Hartley, 215 miles; Blake, 201 miles; Lloyd 126 miles, six laps.

EMPLOYMENT AT VANCOUVER.

Salvation Army Immigrants for B. C.
Reach Canada.

(Special to The Times.)

Halifax, Feb. 29.—Of the 900 immigrants who arrived here on the Dominion Liner Kensington from Liverpool under charter to the Salvation Army, 350 are to go through on a special train to Vancouver, where it is stated employment has been secured for them.

LONG DEATH ROLL IN MINE EXPLOSION.

Larosita Disaster in Mexico
Accounted for Seventy-Six Lives.

Monterey, Mex., Feb. 29.—A dispatch from Mazatlan to the News says: Details of the explosion in the Larosita mine near San Juan De Sabinas received here indicate that it was more disastrous than at first believed, 76 men being killed.

The explosion occurred just as preparations were being made to change shifts in what is known as shaft No. 5, and in which most of the laborers were Japs.

Fire damp is believed to have been the cause.

LORD'S DAY ACT.

Several More Cases for Violation Searched in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Feb. 29.—Several more convictions have been secured against dealers, news stands, confectioners, cigar dealers and alleged restaurants under the Lord's Day Act. The fines and costs were paid.

MEDIUM WAS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS

Offered to Read Future of Policeman Who Arrested Her for 50 Cents

(Special to The Times.)

Hamilton, Feb. 29.—In the police court Mrs. Hickingbottom was found guilty on a charge of telling fortunes, and was given the option of paying a fine or \$50 or leaving the city within a week.

Mrs. Hickingbottom denied that she was an ordinary fortune teller, and claimed to be a spiritualistic medium. She did not deny, however, that when the constable went to her house in plain clothes, a few days ago, she offered to read his future for 50 cents.

INSURANCE SECURITIES.

Bill Amending U. S. Law is Signed by Governor Hughes.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Governor Hughes to-day signed the bill of Assembly Hanna amending section 100 of the so-called Armstrong Insurance laws so as to permit insurance companies holding bonds on them which have been default in interest to enter reorganization committees for the purpose of protecting their securities.

The specific instance for which the law was amended was the Third Avenue railroad in New York city, which is now in the hands of the receivers appointed by the U. S. court and for which a protective committee of bondholders has been organized. Three life insurance companies, the Mutual Life, the New York Life and Equitable, hold, it is stated, about \$5,000,000 in bonds of the company.

INCREASED PAY FOR SOLDIERS.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—The house of representatives yesterday adopted a special rule restoring to the Army Appropriation bill the provision for an increase in pay for enlisted men and non-commissioned officers.

FOR EMBEZZLING

INSURANCE MONEY.

Duncan Lamont of Calgary Arrested on Serious Charge.

(Special to The Times.)

Calgary, Feb. 29.—Duncan G. Lamont, ex-manager of the North American Life Assurance Company here, has been arrested on a charge of embezzlement preferred by the company. The shortage is said to be \$2,000, composed of collections due to the company for three months. Friends have offered to cover the shortage by notes at six and twelve months, but the offer has been rejected. He was allowed out on bail. The trial takes place next week.

MUST PAY POLL TAX.

(Special to The Times.)

Vancouver, Feb. 29.—All employees of the Dominion government have been notified by W. C. Killigan they must pay the poll tax and income taxes according to a recent privy council decision from New Brunswick.

CHINA MAY HAVE TO APOLOGISE

SEIZING OF TATSU MARU INCENSES JAPAN

Cruiser Dispatched to Hong Kong—Insult to Flag of Rising Sun.

(Special to The Times.)

Tokio, Feb. 29.—The Japanese government is maintaining a determined attitude concerning the seizure of the Tatsu Maru and demands both an apology and an indemnity from China.

The Chinese foreign office wants to submit the entire question to a mixed court. This is refused by the Japanese government unless the vessel has first been released and an apology made for the insult to the flag.

It appears that the Tatsu Maru was regularly cleared for Kobe with a consignment of arms and ammunition for Macao. The Portuguese minister at Pekin supports the contention of Viscount Hayashi, the Japanese minister of foreign affairs, that the vessel was seized in Portuguese waters. It is said by Japanese officials that no ultimatum has been issued, and that the sailing of the Japanese cruiser Idzumi for Hongkong is not intended as a threat.

It is evident, however, that the Japanese are resort to force unless her demands are conceded within a reasonable time.

WAS BURIED IN POTTER'S FIELD

Brother of Sir W. McDonald Dies at Portland—A Unique Character.

(Special to The Times.)

Portland, Feb. 29.—The body of Jas. McDonald, a brother of Sir William McDonald, of Montreal, was buried in the potter's field to-day. McDonald was one of the city's most unique characters who made a living for the last twenty years collecting bad bills.

One of his customs was to ring a bell in front of the debtor's house until payment was received; another was to assault debtors when out with friends. McDonald consequently was much hated. He was a native of Prince Edward Island, and apparently at enmity with Sir Wm. McDonald, for whom he left no death message, though asking that word be sent to his sister in Nova Scotia.

AUTO CARS WILL PART COMPANY

American and Foreign Contestants to Go Separate Ways to Paris.

(Special to The Times.)

Chicago, Ills., Feb. 29.—The American and the foreign cars in the New York to Paris auto race have decided to go their separate ways and let the final honor fall to the car which reaches Paris first. From this time on the race will be on in earnest.

M. Roberts, in the American car, left Chicago yesterday for the West. Roberts probably will give up the car to Harold Brinker, at Cheyenne, Wyo., but the American car according to an official announcement will go all the way to San Francisco.

The French first car and the Italian car which will start out to-day, will travel until March 5th and then will ship to Seattle. The second French car and the German car are expected in Chicago to-day. All the foreign cars will start at the same time and try to keep together.

STOREKEEPER HELD UP.

W. A. Small, of Doctor's Island, Re-bailed of \$300.

(Special to The Times.)

Vancouver, Feb. 29.—W. A. Small, owner of a store at Doctor's Island, Knight Inlet, was held up and robbed of three hundred dollars in cash last Tuesday by two men who came in a boat to his store.

WASTED OVERBOARD.

Two of Crew of Danish Steamer Scilla are Drowned in Atlantic.

(Special to The Times.)

Philadelphia, Feb. 29.—During heavy weather at sea on February 20th, two of the crew of the Danish steamer Scilla, which arrived here last night from Cartagena, Spain, were swept overboard and lost. An effort was made to bring the vessel about to rescue them but it was useless on account of the heavy seas. The steamer ship was on its maiden voyage.

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Medicine Hat, Feb. 29.—Hoffman's brick plant has been destroyed by fire.

PASTOR ON TRIAL.

Enunciates Doctrines Contrary to Those of Methodist Church.

(Special to The Times.)

Winnipeg, Feb. 29.—Rev. Arthur Basham, pastor at Holmfeld, Man., appeared before the leading ministers and church courts as the result of a series of sermons preached recently in which the reverend gentleman preached a doctrine contrary to the well-defined one of the Methodist church, and one that, if continued, would have a tendency to lead churchmen from the fold. The hearing of the case was secret.

(Special to The Times.)

Winnipeg, Feb. 29.—The city council has concluded in secret session negotiations with the bank of Montreal for an overdraft of \$2,000,000, the bank to place 7,500,000 debentures on the London market. This clears up the city's debts and places \$1,000,000 in the sinking fund.

(Special to The Times.)

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 29.—A mother and her three children were burned to death and several persons were injured by a fire early to-day in the Bremer-ton avenue foreign district. The dead are Caroline Vlacak, Stephen Vlacak, and Carl Vlacak and Peter Vlacak.

A 19-year-old girl jumped from a window breaking three ribs, and John Kalinkowski, occupying an adjoining house, which was destroyed, threw his wife and four children out of the window into the arms of policemen, and all were more or less injured.

The fire was started from the explosion of an overturned lamp.

(Special to The Times.)

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 29.—From Jackson's corner, near Tweed village, comes an appalling story of humanity, revealing the death of a wife through her husband's getting drunk when on his way to call a doctor to attend her.

Richard Lindsay, a farmer left his home last Saturday morning to sell a cow at Bridgewater, and summoned a doctor for his wife. He sold the animal and instead of calling on the doctor spent the money in liquor and went on a spree to Tweed. His wife on Monday gave birth to twins. Her young son went to neighbors for aid, but when it arrived the poor woman was dead, and also the babies.

Coroner Farrell, of Tweed, has called a jury and will hold an inquest next week.

(Special to The Times.)

G. T. P. to Survey Peace River Valley

(Special to The Times.)

Edmonton, Feb. 29.—The Grand Trunk Pacific is sending dozens of surveying parties into the Peace River Valley for a two years' absence.

The railway is apparently figuring on a line to the Yukon, via the old Edmonton trail.

(Special to The Times.)

Another Foreign Problem Disturbs Awakening Empire—Supernatural Activity.

(Special to The Times.)

New York, Feb. 29.—Giovanni Pisano pleaded with Justice Dowling in the court of general sessions yesterday to send him to death in the electric chair. A plea of guilty to murder in the second degree had been offered by Pisano's counsel. Assistant District Attorney Ely had agreed to accept the plea, and sentence which would have not been less than 20 years and not more than the natural term of life was about to be pronounced when the prisoner remonstrated.

It would appear that the remarkable activity of the Japanese in pacifying and developing Formosa had cast a sprinkling of surplus energy on the coast line of China nearest to the island, for during the last few months there have been increasing numbers of Japanese appearing in Fukien.

Most of these Japanese are going about as Japanese Buddhists bonzes or priests, trying to convert the people. So numerous have they become that the authorities in Pekin, alarmed at the prospect of so much material for future mischief, have censured the provincial viceroy for not taking more effective steps to put a stop to the immigration, and, in consequence, stricter measures are being adopted to make the province less attractive to the religious visitors.

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The following building permits have been issued: To W. S. Clark for a carpenter's shop on Cross street, to cost \$600; to S. Cameron, for a shop on Cross street, to cost \$250; to G. F. Green for a dwelling on Johnson street, to cost \$2,500.

The funeral of John Dooley took place this morning. The cortège left the family residence, 1170 Yates street, and proceeded to St. Andrew's Catholic cathedral, where service was held by Rev. Father Dowler. There was a large gathering of the friends of the deceased and many floral tributes were presented. The interment took place at Ross Bay cemetery and the following acted as follows: K. Fred Carne, H. Moss, W. Rockett, Alf Goodacre, S. A. Spencer and A. F. McMillan.

Western Star Lodge No. 1, A. O. U. W. is arranging for a high-class concert to be held in Semple's hall, next Thursday night, in aid of Mr. A. A. Turman, who sustained serious and permanent in-

**UNION CLUB'S
FIRST BALL****FOUR HUNDRED GUESTS
ROYALLY ENTERTAINED****One of Most Interesting Events
in History of the In-
stitution.**

The 28th of February, 1908, is a marked day in the calendar of the Union Club of British Columbia. Bright the lights shone last night over fair women and brave men when Victoria gathered her beauty and her chivalry under the richly be-flagged canopy of the Union Club ball room. Nothing short of superlatives can adequately describe the event—the first ball given by that exclusive club.

The committee and sub-committees had thought out the arrangements so carefully that in the comparatively limited space of the club buildings over 400 guests were entertained without a hitch or the semblance of discomfort. Upstairs, and easily accessible from the entrance, and the ball room were the ladies cloak-rooms. The dancing began at 9 p. m., and after the seventh dance the sound of the supper signal, the first relay to supper. One hundred guests had white tickets and to music only less heartstirring than that just heard in the dancing hall that happy (and it is to be hoped) hundred hundred filled up the broad staircase to the club dining room.

Half an hour later the gong sounded the signal and the "white tickets" made their exit by a separate staircase which lead to the ball room. As one remarked "they were piped in and gonged out."

When next the pipes began to play the "blue tickets" had their inning and so the night passed gaily, swiftly on. By 2:30 a. m. the fourth relay had finished supper and then the "on with the dance" signals till almost half past four.

The naval officers and the officers from the barracks and the Fifth Regiment were in uniform, thus adding to the splendor of the spectacle. The officials of the Union Club, from steward to chef, are to be congratulated. The ball was an unqualified success. To individualize where all are deserving of praise is perhaps difficult, but as so much of man's comforts depend on what he shall eat and what he shall drink, the name of G. H. Wolfe, who has occupied the post of steward of the club for over four years, may be specially mentioned. To transform a billiard room into a roomy, convenient and tastefully decorated buffet, to provide a menu such as is printed below, and to do it so excellently and successfully is an achievement to be proud of.

A Tinter representative had a look around the club rooms this morning. "After the ball was over," the fairy scene was changed, electric light men and other workmen were busy dismantling the temporary fixtures. It is pity such a special dancing floor could not be preserved—Victoria has not too many of them. The ball is over. It is the first Union Club ball. When will the second be?

Among those who sat down to supper at 11 o'clock were the following: His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of B. C. and Mrs. Luxton.

A. P. Luxton, president of the club and Mrs. James Dunsmuir.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Irving and Mrs. Richard McBride.

The Hon. the Premier of British Columbia and Mrs. J. A. Macdonald.

The Hon. D. M. Eberts (the Speaker) and Mrs. Irving.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald, M. P. P.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Abbott, Vancouver; Mr. Adamson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Alkmann, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Amberry, Mr. J. R. Anderson, Miss Angus, Miss A. Angus, Mr. R. R. Angus, Miss Arbuthnot, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. D. Armstrong, Shawigan Lake.

Mr. J. P. Babcock, Mrs. Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. E. Crow Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Barkley (Westminster); Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Barnard, Rev. Canon Bonlands, Miss Bosse and Miss Nora Bell, Mr. C. E. Borkley, Mr. J. H. L. Blaize, Mr. R. P. Bishop, Mrs. E. E. and Miss Blackwood, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Boddie, Miss Bolton, Mr. Douglas Bullen, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Weaver Bridgeman, Mr. J. W. Bridgeman, Mr. A. J. Bromley, Mr. C. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fitz-Herbert Bullen, Mr. Douglas Bullen, Miss Bulwer, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Burton, Mrs. and Miss Mary Burton (Tod Inlet).

Mr. A. Oliver Campbell (Vancouver); Mr. D. E. Campbell, Dr. J. G. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. M. Carlin, Mr. W. C. and Miss Cazier, Mr. F. M. Chaldeot (Vancouver); Mrs. William Christie, Miss Chapman, Mrs. Arthur Coles, Mrs. Harvey and Miss Combe (Reston); Mr. C. E. Cookson, Miss Cornwall, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Courtney, Dr. Cumming, Major and Mrs. A. W. Currie, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Crease.

Miss W. Davie, Miss Clare Davie, Mr. Frank Davie, Mr. and Mrs. Atherton, Miss Dorothy Day, Mr. E. L. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Magill, Mrs. Maher, Mrs. Archer Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin, Miss Martin, Mr. Samuel Martin, Mr. J. and Miss Mason, Miss Doris Mason, Miss Phyllis Mason, Mrs. J. S. H. Matson, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Mathews, Miss Maud (Mayne Island); Mr. J. E. Miller, Mr. J. A. Mitchell, Mr. R. G. and Miss Monteith, Miss L. M. Monteith, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold and Miss Morely, Mrs. and Miss Morey.

Miss Mowbray, Mr. J. Musgrave, Lieutenant, P. C. and Mrs. Musgrave, Hon. R. and Mrs. McBride, Captain McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Macdonald, Mr. B. H. McDowell, Mr. J. J. Herrick McGregor, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McKay, Mr. T. O. McKay, Miss Gertrude McKay, Miss Alice McKay, Mr. and Mrs. D. McLaren and Mr. A. E. McPhillips.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Magill, Mrs. Maher, Mrs. Archer Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin, Miss Martin, Mr. Samuel Martin, Mr. J. and Miss Mason, Miss Doris Mason, Miss Phyllis Mason, Mrs. J. S. H. Matson, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Mathews, Miss Maud (Mayne Island); Mr. J. E. Miller, Mr. J. A. Mitchell, Mr. R. G. and Miss Monteith, Miss L. M. Monteith, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold and Miss Morely, Mrs. and Miss Morey.

Miss M. Page, Captain Parry (H. M. S. "Egeria"); Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, Mr. A. D. Parker, Miss Peele, Mr. F. B. Pemberton, Mr. W. T. P. Pemberton, Miss Helen Peters, Mrs. and Miss Phippen (Winnipeg); Mr. H. Barre Phillips, Miss Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pigott, Mr. William Pigott, Mr. Warburton Pike, Mr. B. Pinder, Mr. S. J. and Miss Pitts, Miss Clarence Pitts, Mr. A. C. S. Pitts, Miss M. Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pooley, Miss Pooley, Miss Violin Pooley, Mrs. and Mrs. Chan Pooley, Jr., Miss R. H. Pooley, Mr. Sydney Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Price (Duncans); Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Price (Cowichan Lake); Mr. B. G. Prior, Mr. C. J. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Prior.

Mr. Norman Rant, Mr. J. K. and Miss Rebick, Mr. C. T. and Miss Redfern, Mr. and Mrs. Captain Reed, Miss Reed, Mrs. P. R. Rithet, Mr. Sidney Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Robertson, Mrs. Rock Robertson, Miss Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roper (Cherry Creek); Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ross.

Mr. W. Curtis Sampson, Miss Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Schwabe, Mr. J. H. Schofield, Mr. K. A. S. Schofield, Miss Emma Sehl, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Shalcross, Dr. Sheldon, Mr. Harold Simpson, Lieutenant Smythe, Paymaster Sneath, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sibley, Mr. H. Sibley, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sibley, Miss Sibley, Capt. and Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. R. G. Talbot, Mr. D'Arcy Tate (Montreal); Mr. R. G. Taylor, Mrs. Dawson, F. Varney and T. Davis.

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**Work Will Begin on
G. T. P. Before June****Government Has Come to a Settlement With
the Company—Bill Introduced Into
House To-day.**

This afternoon in the legislature a bill has been introduced by means of which the terms of the settlement reached between the local government and the G. T. P. are set forth. The government, after delaying for a long time a settlement of the existing differences, has now, that construction is about to begin, reached a settlement and seeks to take credit for implementing construction.

The G. T. P. has now in course of construction in Victoria a steamer to be employed on the Skeena river for the carrying of supplies. This steamer will be ready in May, the time when it is proposed to begin work.

Contracts representing an expenditure of about eight millions and a half dollars are ready to be let, and this will be done at once.

Through the negotiations which have

taken place between the government and William Walnwright, representing the G. T. P., the differences have been settled; and the result of this settlement is set forth in the bill introduced this afternoon.

Work, it is agreed, shall begin on the Pacific coast by the G. T. P. by June 1st. The supplies and material required for construction is to be purchased in British Columbia and to use white labor unless it is impossible.

A free grant of the right of way is given to the company.

Two thousand acres at Prince Rupert is to be put on the market within a short time. The province grants the Indian lands to the company at \$2.50 an acre, retaining a quarter interest.

The cost of surveying and sub-dividing the townsite will be borne three-quarters by the company and one-quarter by the province.

Miss and Mrs. E. T. Tilton, Mr. Wm. Todd, Mrs. C. H. Topp, Capt. and Mrs. Teotle, Lieut. Troup, Miss W. Troup, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Troup, Dr. and Mrs. S. Tunstall (Vancouver), Miss Tunstall (Vancouver), Mr. and Mrs. Beauchamp Tye, Mrs. Hickman Tye, Mr. T. Drydale Veach, Mr. F. G. Vernon, Mr. C. Vernon, Miss Walker, Mr. W. Wallis, Mr. R. G. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Warner, Dr. and Mrs. Wasson, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Scott Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitton (Duncans), Major and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Wilmot, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wilmet, Mr. R. P. Wilmot, Mr. and Mrs. Biggar, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ridgway Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wolfenden, Mr. Clive-Phillips and Miss Wolley (Pier Island).

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Yarwood, Hon. and Mrs. H. E. Young.

The following is the programme of dances:

Extra Waltz Languor Des Fleurs
Waltz * * * Blue Danube
Two-Step * * * Whistler and His Dog
Two-Step * * * La Matche
Lancers * * * Nations
Waltz * * * Merry Widow
Two-Step * * * On Long Li
Waltz * * * Gold and Silver
Two-Step * * * Blossom
Waltz * * * Carrionate
Two-Step * * * La Krautie
11:45 to 12:15, Supper, Blue Ticket
12:30 to 1, Supper, Yellow Ticket
12:45 to 1, Supper, Green Ticket
1:15 to 1:45, Supper, Green Ticket
Waltz * * * Nuptials
Lancers * * * Silver Heels
2:00, Supper, Red Ticket

Union Club of British Columbia
Ball Supper
28 February, 1908.

Crescent Oysters on Half Shell
Moult & Chandon 1888 Vintage, Moult & Chandon 1900 Vintage, Sparkling Moselle, Lobster Salad, Shrimp Salad, Chicken in Aspic

Ham Tongue
Boneless Turkey Spice Beef
Corned Beef Sirloin of Beef
Trifle Jellies Fruit Salad
Benedictine Marasquino, Creme De Minthe, Liqueur Brandy, Meringues.

FOUR LIVES LOST
IN REVOLVER DUEL

Kentucky Loggers Engage in
Fatal Combat Over Children's Quarrel

—Tenders are being called for by the city for three teams for street watering work. Tenders must reach the city hall by March 9th.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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TWO DAYS SPENT
IN MAZATLAN

By Staff Correspondent of The Times.

Mazatlan, Mexico, Feb. 6.—There are few sights more interesting than the approach to the so-called harbor of Mazatlan upon a sunny day.

It was seven o'clock in the morning when our steamship rounded the great bluff to the north of the town and nosed her way between a fleet of sailing ships and small coast steamers in search of an anchorage. Those of the passengers who had risen early to "see the place" were rewarded by a scene enchanting in its varieties. A little bay, nestling between the precipitous bluffs, girded by golden sands and flecked with varicolored crabs and lobsters, while the town peeped out from a riot of coconuts and other tropical trees. Raising its two fine towers high above the surrounding buildings and the trees an old mission cathedral gave an impression of architectural beauty that was speedily dispelled upon closer inspection. To the left the customs wharf, surrounded by bum-boats and freight rafts for a hundred yards in the bay and up this crowds cigarette-smoking, indolent Mexican could be seen eying the now arrival with easy interest.

Lying over a mile from the shore the steamship offered an excellent point of observation, the whole scene being appreciable in perspective. Every way the eye turned presented new and interesting features presented themselves from the myriad arms of the cloudless sky to the waters of the bay to the range of brown hills, shadowed in early morning mists of violet, which provided a perfect background for the whole entrancing picture.

The best of the surf on the base of the bluffs, the lighthouse, said to be the highest in the world, which blinks its glass windows in the clear sunlight on a lofty tower above the town and all the covered objects which met our gaze on land and sea, combined the congenial warmth of the morning imbued all with the indolent spirit of the south to such an extent that we failed to notice the approach of two white-painted boats, manned by uniformed oarsmen and bearing bright Mexican flags, until they had distinguished themselves from the fleet of small craft nearby and touched at our gangplank.

The first personage to board was the doctor, a quiet, cultured man of natural dignity who examined the passengers in a cursory way and informed us that we must remain aboard until the ship had been fumigated. Vessels coming from American ports, especially from San Francisco, are liable to bring out worse diseases than smallpox than pestilential than scurvy and dysentery, and the Mexican government does not take chances. We kicked our heels impatiently until the rocking sulphur fumes had thoroughly disinfected the holds and then we hauled with joy the information that we might go ashore.

Going ashore in big surf-boats, propelled only by two lazy natives, the business and the Mexicans were speedily disposed of and the party who, with a skill born of college training and a brawn peculiarly their own, took the boat to shore in a comparatively short time, leaving the wondering Mexicans on the other boats gazing after us with envious eyes. The long combers which sweep into the mouth of the bay at each turn of the tide assisted in our passage besides propelling us with such impetuosity that none of us would willingly have missed.

The tide had run out so far that the party had to wait for the morning, when a small boat from the quarantine building, one by one, the party was carried ashore on the backs of the boatmen. Once in the building we were deprived of our clothes and instructed to take a shower-bath of cold, salt water while our garments were subject to fumigation. At this unexpected order there was a general demand for a few moments of respite, and the master of the ship, with a smile, responded that it was a respite.

Another "fumig" the sun had risen high enough in the sky to make its rays undeniably strong and the shower bath was tempting.

So the party stripped and danced beneath the cool jets. Of the various incidents of that fumigation, such as the discovery of the fact that no towels or sheets or anything to cover our nakedness were provided, the party will furnish a whole column of genuine humor but imagination must supply the stories that limited space will not accommodate.

A walk through the town, the next chapter to fumigation, proved somewhat disappointing. The houses, built of rough brick and guillies of paint or other decoration, were low and unprepossessing.

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A QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY.

It is contended that Premier McBride is not responsible for the mutilation of the bill drawn in the interests of the city of Victoria. We suppose it will be argued that the Private Bills Committee was the destructive agent. But it will hardly be denied that a majority of the members of the Private Bills Committee are supporters of the government, nor that a few words of advice from the head of the administration, who is one of the representatives of the city of Victoria, would have had a good deal of weight with the members of the committee. The reports of the proceedings show that some of the most active of the supporters of Premier McBride were also the most determined opponents of what cannot but be regarded as the just claims of the city. It need not be thought that the public cannot put two and two together and correctly determine the sum of responsibility for what has taken place. But if it be true, as alleged, that the time has not arrived for fixing the responsibility for what has taken place, we are content that the Premier shall have another chance. The bill in its emasculated form will presently make its appearance before the House. We expect some of the four representatives of the city to move for the restoration of the provisions which have been cut out. We think the Premier, as our senior member and the most influential figure in the House, ought to undertake this task. We do not think that would be asking too much of him. The people of Victoria look to him as the chief guardian of their rights. If he fails to discharge an obvious duty, it will be absolutely futile to attempt to shield him behind the skirts of members of the Private Bills Committee.

MUNICIPALITIES AND
THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

It is very gratifying to note that the Colonist takes advanced ground on the question of the regulation of the liquor traffic. In taking the position it does our contemporary is doubtless influenced to some extent by the fact that the government it supports is moving in a contrary direction. Whatever advance the cause of temperance has made in recent years in portions of the world outside of British Columbia—in the various states of the American union, in the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and the provinces of Eastern Canada—is due to the adoption by the governments concerned of the local option principle. The people directly interested have been given the right of deciding just what measure of restriction they consider necessary in the conduct of a traffic whose influences are just now the subject of critical analysis. In the provinces of Canada to which we have referred municipal councils have control of licenses. They decide the number of licenses that shall be issued, and, subject to a vote of the people, they have the power to declare for absolute prohibition within the municipalities they govern. In the city of Toronto—lately the municipal council decided to make a heavy reduction in the number of places licensed to sell in eating drinks. The license committee, appointed by the government, a principle similar to that in the province of British Columbia, right of the attempt to question the things they resided to do what it did, the council had on the ground that

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licences interested. Now the liquor interests are moving in the courts to unseat every controller and alderman who voted for a reduction in licenses. In this province the municipal councils, as we understand the situation, have nothing whatever to say about the number of licensed premises considered necessary to meet the requirements of the situation. The government, instead of moving in the direction which public opinion appears to be taking, lately decided to take from some districts what little power they had to control the sale of liquor. Does the Colonist approve of that course? Will it support a movement designed to procure for municipalities a right to absolute control of licenses within municipal boundaries?

THEY DO THINGS BETTER IN THE
EFFETE EAST.

Some of the lawyers who have lately been practising their profession before the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature in the interests of monopoly asserted that the protection they asked for the company supplying light to citizens of Victoria was in accord with the rights granted similar companies in the province of Ontario. We do not profess to know a great deal about the law of Ontario upon the subject of municipal rights and private privilege; but it happens that the city of Toronto, Ontario, is at the present time dealing with a matter very closely akin to the question now engaging the attention of the people of Victoria. The Whitney government of Ontario has undertaken to see that the electric power generated at Niagara Falls shall not fall into the hands of private monopolists. The

Premier upon one occasion declared that the tremendous natural power of the falls, being the inheritance of all the people, should be "free air" to the public. In pursuance of that declaration the government is delivering Niagara power to all municipalities within economic distance of the falls at actual cost. And the government has made no stipulations as to the uses to which the power in question shall be put when delivered. It has made no arrangements whatever respecting the rights of companies engaged in the business of selling electric light or power. It has not declared by statute that the municipality of Toronto shall purchase, whether by arbitration or otherwise, the businesses of private concerns before supplying the requirements of the citizens of Toronto. It has left that matter absolutely to the sense of justice and fair play of the parties principally concerned. And we observe by reports in the newspapers that the city council of Toronto is not going to plunge recklessly into the doubtful waters of municipal ownership of a lighting plant, although it is going to secure power at cost. It is recognized that a duplication of plants would probably result in prodigal waste of capital. Consequently the council negotiating with the companies with a view to securing for consumers a reduction of charges. If a satisfactory agreement cannot be reached, the city may buy the plants and operate them as municipal concerns. Or if it is deemed that the demands of the companies are unreasonable a completely new municipal plant may be installed. The government has placed no obstacles whatever in the way of the people securing their unquestioned rights. The fact is, although we have members in our legislature professing to be advanced in economic ideas, we are at least one decade behind the times in British Columbia. Our government is a mere creature of monopolists.

UNFAIR DISCRIMINATION.

(Nelson News.)

John Oliver, M. P. P., spoke to the point when in the course of his comments upon Finance Minister Tatlow's budget speech, he drew attention to the marked inequality of the appropriations for public works in constituencies represented by opposition members as compared with those represented by supporters of the government. It is not unreasonable that there should be some difference, although even slight favoritism can only be defended upon purely partisan grounds; and it would be expecting too much from a very human cabinet to ask that all constituents should be treated with absolute impartiality in the matter of appropriations for public works. Still the two obvious inequalities imposed upon certain constituencies for having exercised freedom of choice in the election of their representative is, in the present estimates so marked that there is every justification for strenuous protest.

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Mr. Williams alluded to the fact that

as the leader of the Afrikaner Bond, and who succeeds, such has been the kaleidoscope to South African politics of late, Dr. Jameson of Johannesburg Raid fame. Dr. Jameson is credited with having done much to appease racial animosity; his successor is expected to carry on the work with still greater energy, and, above all, to stimulate the progress of South African federation, which is expected to profit by the existence of a Boer majority in the three leading colonies."

We are beginning to think Harry K. Thaw is not being fairly treated. Not that we do not believe the ends of justice would have been properly served by hanging the young gentleman up by the neck, but there is no question that he is a victim of misplaced confidence. He expected to be turned loose upon the public within a very short time after the verdict of insanity had been returned. Now all the influences he naturally expected to be exercised in favor of his release from the asylum to which he was committed are being exerted the other way. His mother has been convinced that he is actually irresponsible. She wants her son to remain in confinement lest at large he might be guilty of some act of crowning folly. His wife says she could never live with him again for several reasons, not the least potent of which is that the confession she made bearing upon her relations with Stanford White at the first trial in the hope of securing his release might cause her to become a victim of the pistol also.

The net result is that Mr. Thaw may be confined in an asylum for an indefinite period and that he undoubtedly has a grievance against those whom he doubtless thinks ought to have been most active on his behalf.

The term of the present Dominion parliament does not expire until early in the year 1910, but we frankly admit there is every probability that an election will be held before that time. And we have a prediction to make about the election when it comes off. It is that the Laurier government will be returned by a larger majority than it has in the House of Commons at the present time, and that majority of Canadians has ever had. We ask our Conservative friends, who are shouting very loud in order to keep their spirits up, to overhaul this prophecy and make a note of it against the day of their deepest humiliation.

Purity in elections is a good subject for editorials. Here is a text from St. John, N. B., on which the Colonist might give us one of its famous "preachments". Dr. Pearson of Sackville made an affidavit to the effect that in response to an appeal from Mr. G. W. Fowler (of sweet odor) he had consented to be the Conservative candidate. Having done that, he was called upon by several gentlemen, who urged him to subscribe \$1,000 to the party funds, the other two candidates for the county having agreed to do so. He had declined and had lost the nomination.

A. E. McPhillips, K. C., M. P. P., says he has no pecuniary interest in the British Columbia Railway Company. That is a very satisfactory statement; but it does not go quite far enough. Will Mr. McPhillips say, without "equivocation or evasion," that he is not the solicitor or the legal adviser of the tramway company?

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Mr. Williams alluded to the fact that

the Boers, the defeat of whose ambitions

we have been celebrating in Canada, are now, according to all authorities, the most loyal of British subjects.

The process of humiliation, which was retarded by the influence of Oom Paul, is going on at an amazing pace, as an example of which we note the marriage lately of one of the Boer generals in the war, now a premier of one of the South African states, to a prominent Englishwoman. The change in mental perspective is so marked

that it has attracted the attention of the whole world. Says the New York Post: "While so

thoroughly British a commonwealth as Australia continues to

give the Boers a

standard of political morality,

KETTLE CREEK
BRIDGE SCANDALTHE CIRCUMSTANCES
OF THE TRANSACTIONG. R. Naden Charged Premier
and L. W. Shatford With
Debauching Electorate.

The legislature at the sitting this morning considered the supplementary estimates. The scandal in connection with the Kettle Creek bridge was gone into at length, and showed a lamentable condition of affairs.

Press Gallery, Feb. 29th, 1908.

Immediately upon opening this morning at 10:30 the House went into committee of supply again. The supplementary estimates were proceeded with.

On the vote of \$250 for the legislative library, S. Henderson raised the point that more accommodation was required. There was no private room where members could consult with visitors who came to see them. The leader of the opposition should have a room. He thought it might be sense to provide for additional accommodation by building.

The premier agreed with this, but said that other pressing needs had prevented this being done up to the present. It would be considered during the recess.

Parker Williams, on a vote for Naden's agency, wanted Ladysmith government office again opened.

The premier said the closing of the Ladysmith office had been done on the recommendation of the Inspector of offices. The time it was felt, had not come for the reopening of the office.

Mr. Williams argued that with extra help at Naden's and in other ways the cost of doing the work came within \$200 of the cost of having an office in Ladysmith. Without an agency there the Chinese and Japanese were escaping taxation.

Stuart Henderson inquired concerning the vote of \$7,000 additional to the provincial police.

The attorney-general explained that there had been a large increase in officers in the north. The attempt to capture Simon Gun-a-noot had cost a lot of money.

Mr. Henderson said that it might be wise to look into the conduct of the Northwest Mounted police, which cost only about \$10,000 for each of the provinces.

The attorney-general said that there was no comparison between the cost in this province and the prairies. The expenses in connection with the provincial police could not be kept down. There were constant demands.

G. R. Naden wanted to know if there was truth in the report that the search after Gun-a-noot was to be dropped.

The attorney-general said he regretted to say that it was true. Two expeditions had been dispatched to capture him, but without success. Gun-a

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Rev. F. T. Tapscott will conduct the service both morning and evening, at the Central Baptist church tomorrow.

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The formation of a cymrodorian society for the province of British Columbia is now the aim of local Welshmen. Arrangements are well in hand for a banquet to be given, to which all Welshmen are invited. Tickets may be obtained from J. M. Morgan, 911 Columbia avenue.

Parents anxious for their health as well as enjoyment of their children should, when buying sweets, exercise care that their selection does not contain the artificial coloring so detrimental to the teeth. "Really wholesome confectionery" is what the English "Lancet" says of Calard & Bowser's Butterscotch. This old English sweetmeat is now on sale throughout British Columbia.

The regular weekly meeting of the Young People's Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will be held Monday night. The subject for this week is "The Uses of Money." Mr. A. J. Brace, of the Y. M. C. A., an excellent speaker, will conduct the meeting. A special programme of vocal and instrumental music has been arranged and a most interesting and instructive talk is assured all who attend.

Queen Alexandra's Ladies of the Maccabees held its regular review last Monday evening. Mrs. J. C. Kemp, deputy supreme commander, presided, initiating two candidates, the girls balloting on one application for membership. It was decided to hold an entertainment on Monday evening, March 9th, when friends of the members will be admitted after a short business session. Arrangements are in the hands of a capable committee and the meeting should be a most interesting one. Mrs. Kemp left for her home in Vancouver on Friday morning after a very successful fortnight's work for the three local hives of the L. O. T. M.

Last evening there was a large attendance at the social given by the Young People's Bible class of the Metropolitan church in the schoolroom of the church. About one hundred young people thronged the schoolroom, and the evening was pleasantly spent with music and games. About an hour's entertainment was furnished by Mr. Pennoch, who gave a phenological demonstration, which afforded great amusement and instruction. Many heads were read, and the opportunity for amusement was not lost by the audience. After this refreshments were served, and the social broke up at an early hour.

A member of a Liverpool firm, identified with the salmon industry, in writing to a Victorians, says that the English market for sockeye salmon during the first part of February ruled quiet, and there was practically little business transacted. The writer further states that the total imports of salmon into the United Kingdom since 1906 are as follows: 1903, 44,954 cases; 1904, 121,769; 1905, 104,451; 1906, 158,969; 1907, 46,006; 1908, 119,278. There were received during January of this year 17,767 cases of salmon, and delivered 44,477 while there was still a stock on hand at the time of writing, of 227,607 cases. The writer adds that Alaska remains firm at from 22-3 to 22-6 on the spot.

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—In the Metropolitan church to-morrow evening Mrs. Melville Parry will assist the choir and render a vocal selection.

—The only cases which came before Mr. Jay this morning at the city police court were one drunk and one person who was summoned for allowing his chimney to catch fire.

—The Faith a Young Man Needs will be the subject of A. J. Brace's address at Harmony Hall to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock. There will be special music, bright, attractive singing; an ideal service for young people.

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—Other than the discussing of the Boat Club proposition yesterday afternoon the special meeting of the Oak Bay municipal council did very little in the way of business of interest. A large number of bills and finance matters were gone into in detail before being passed and several reports from the roads and bridges committee were received and dealt with.

—The High School cadets turned out in force this morning for the Saturday shoot in the drill hall. Some very noteworthy scores were made out of a possible 50, that of Cadet Gray being very commendable. The following scores were registered: Cadet Gray, 46; Corporal Shapland, 43; Cadet Duck, 42; Corp. Boggs, 42; Cadet Ney, 38; Cadet Rehill, 33; Cadet Sprinkling, 37; Lieut. Boggs, 33; Cadet Armstrong, 34; Sergt. Swain, 33; Sergt. Major. Woodward, 32; Corp. Schilling, 32; Lieut. Hartman, 31; Corp. Allan, 31; Corp. McKay, 31; Cadet Brown, 31; Cadet Watson, 30.

—The excellent photograph, of the Paardeberg veterans, a reproduction of which appeared in last night's issue, was taken for the Times by Jones.

—J. Watson, concerning whom the Times stated that he lost his leg at Paardeberg, wishes it known that he did not receive his wound at Paardeberg, but at another engagement during the course of the South African war.

—The following ladies and gentlemen will assist in vocal selections at the organ recital next Tuesday evening at St. John's church: Mrs. Melville Parry, Mrs. Harry Currie, Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Hicks, Mr. McTeire, Mr. Griffin and the Fitch brothers.

—Copies of Mackenzie King's report into the methods by which Oriental laborers have been induced to come into Canada may be obtained at the Liberal rooms, No. 1239 Government street, upstairs, where a limited number of copies are on hand.

—A concert will take place in St. Mark's schoolroom, Boleklin road, on Tuesday next at 8.30 o'clock. The following have kindly consented to take part: Miss Field, Mrs. Heyland, Miss Heyland, Miss Withers, Miss Vivian Bolton, Miss Viva Blackwood, Mr. Arthur Gore, Mr. Cecil Berkeley, Mr. Baugh Allen.

—There will be a general meeting of the young people of the Anglican church of Victoria, at the residence of the Rev. A. J. Stanley, 702 Princess avenue, at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening, the 5th prox., for the purpose of the enrollment of all young people desirous of joining the Anglican Young People's Association.

—Special Attraction to-night—Shoppers and others will be pleased to learn that a free Graphophone Concert will be given at Fletcher Bros. this evening at 8 o'clock, at which all the February and March Edison Records will be played. Comfortable seats have been arranged and everybody will be welcome. Admission free.

—The Irish recitals to be given in the A. O. W. hall on March 10th, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., promise to be very interesting. Mrs. W. A. Gleason has already won honors in her able elocutionary entertainments, and the musical members of the programme will be filled by some of the best local talent.

—To-morrow evening at 7 o'clock the service at the Harmony hall mission will be specially for young people. A. J. Brace, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., will be in charge, and short addresses will be given by J. Gaynor, who is leaving for Medicine Hat. Other young men will take part. These meetings are growing in interest, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance of those who do not frequent any place of worship.

—Rev. George A. Wilson, M. A., who was last June appointed by the general assembly of the Presbyterian church to the superintendency of missions in this great West, will preach in First Presbyterian church to-morrow evening. Mr. Wilson is brother to Rev. W. A. Wilson, of the Presbyterian college at Indore, and is a good, clean, impressive expounder of the Gospel.

—One of the oldest inhabitants of Victoria, in the person of Peter Sweeney, died very suddenly yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock from heart failure. He was sitting outside his cabin when he expired, and some passing friends notified the police. Mr. Sweeney was 67 years of age and was a longshoreman. The funeral, under the auspices of the Longshoremen's Union, took place this morning.

—At the conclusion of the somewhat lengthy arguments which took place in the County court yesterday afternoon in the case of F. C. Brewer, who was charged with obtaining \$75 from Miss Estella Carroll by means of a worthless cheque, his Honor James Lamphier held that the prosecution had failed to establish their case, as the wine was consumed before the cheque was given. The accused was therefore discharged.

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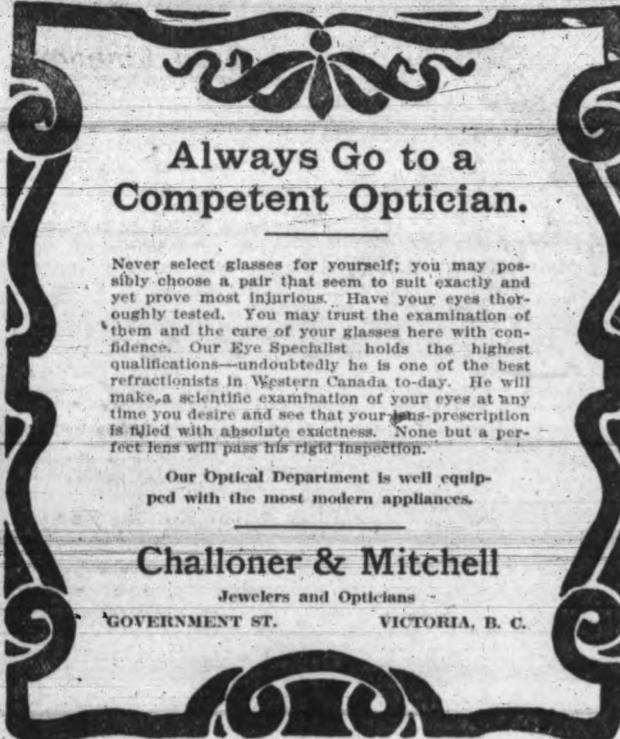
There is no development with regard to the capture of his assailants.

ECCLESIASTIC.

Archbishop Orth Will Live in Southern Europe For Some Time.

A letter, dated February 5th, was received at the archbishop's residence yesterday conveying the following information:

The archbishop on his journey to Liverpool had a very severe and painful attack of rheumatism. His general health, which has been gradually failing from chronic dyspepsia for the last two years and more, is suffering much from this fresh attack, the functions of the heart being more dangerously than ever affected. The attending doctors give but little hope of a speedy and lasting recovery. The only hope of recovery is a complete change of scene and air, and for this reason His Grace will sojourn



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Amongst the social functions for the next week is the dance Monday night, to be given by the Misses Pitts, in their new house on Rockland avenue.

On Wednesday evening, the 28th, the Misses Mallette, of 630 Superior street, entertained the Corona Club of this city. Among those present were: Mrs. H. Green, Miss E. Frederick, Miss B. Revercomb, Miss M. Crow, Miss L. Bray, Miss Elsie Frederick, Miss L. Christie, Mrs. A. E. Mallette (Vancouver), Miss Glover, Miss M. Glover, Miss L. Hawley, Miss F. Hick, Miss E. Hick, Miss D. Symes, Miss F. Symes, Miss A. Natalet, Miss J. McDonald, Mr. D. Spence, Mr. H. Green, Mr. A. Parrott, Mr. J. Reid, Mr. A. Lewis, Mr. F. Bayliss, Mr. W. Drysdale, Mr. F. McGregor, Mr. A. McGregor, Mr. N. Revercomb, Mr. H. Godfrey, Mr. H. Pringle, Mr. R. M. McIntosh, Mr. N. Barker. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and all went home in the "wee rma'ours" of the morning.

Mr. James Sargison entertained a number of young people on Friday evening last at cards in honor of Miss Green of New Westminster.

Miss E. Holmes and Miss Bullen left yesterday by the Aorangi on a visit to Honolulu.

Miss Tuck is arranging a concert in aid of St. Mark's church, Cloverdale, to be given in the parish room on Tuesday, March 3rd.

Miss Martin, of New Westminster, is the guest of Miss P. Mason, Rockland avenue.

On Friday the members of the Matriculation English class and the university classes of the High school spent a most enjoyable morning when, in response to Miss Cann's invitation, the Rev. W. Ingram Brooke, rector of Burford, near Warwick and Shadforth-on-Avon, spoke to them on Shakespeare's country. He also read Brownings' "Pheidippides" to the university classes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Leader have taken the Joshua Davis house on Cook street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Holley and children, who have been at Cherrybank for some time, are now settled in their new house on Fairfield road.

Mrs. and Miss Shoobert, who have been for some time guests of Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, left Sunday afternoon for their home in San Francisco.

Mrs. Arthur F. Englehardt, of Dawson City, Y. T., is visiting her husband's mother, Mrs. Englehardt, 665 Government street.

On Thursday evening Mrs. H. A. Dunn, Terrace avenue, entertained a large number of children to a delightful dance. Miss Train's orchestra supplied the music. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Dunn, Miss C. Baxter, Mrs. Innes and Mrs. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Roper, of Cherry Creek, are staying at the Empress. They generally spend a portion of the year in Victoria but it is now a considerable time since their last visit here.

Miss Maude, of Mayne Island, is down for a few days and to attend the Union Club ball.

The Bachelor Girls have issued invitations for a leap year dance in the Cosy Corner tea rooms on Monday evening. The gentlemen will be expected to provide cake for refreshments. Answers to invitations should be sent to Miss J. Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner have moved into their new house, "Glencairn," on Oak Bay avenue.

Last Saturday night Mrs. Harry Barnard gave a delightful dance to a few of her young friends in honor of Miss Marion Martin, of New Westminster, who is her guest. Amongst those there were Mrs. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robertson, Miss Vera Mason, Miss Combe, Miss Violet Pooler, Miss Gladys Perry, Miss Paula Irving, Miss Pitts, Miss Peters, Miss Phyllis Mason, Miss Little, Miss Doris Mason, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Twigg, Mr. Prior, Mr. Ward, Mr. J. H. Lawson, Mr. Pitts, Mr. B. Irving, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Abbott, of Vancouver, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Oliver.

Mr. and Mrs. Corbould, of New Westminster, were in town during the week.

The new officers and crew of the Egeria are expected to arrive in Victoria to-morrow. The first lieutenant

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Mr. Arbutnott and Mrs. Savage have issued invitations for a tea on Monday afternoon at "Robleida" from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Burnes, of Vancouver, spent a few days during the week with her aunt, Mrs. (Colonel) Holmes.

Mrs. Watt, who has been staying in the city for a considerable time, has returned to William Head, taking with her her son Robin, who is now recovering from his serious illness.

The Victoria ladies' hockey team left this morning for Vancouver, where they will play a match this afternoon. The Seattle men are also playing in Vancouver at the same time and the Vancouver will give a dance to-morrow night in honor of the visitors.

On Thursday morning many of Miss Gladys Perry's girl friends went down to the C. P. R. wharf to see her off at 8:30 on the Princess Royal. Amongst them were: Miss Little, Miss Vera Mason, Miss Combe, Miss Irving, Miss V. Pooley, Miss Tilton, Miss Lawson, Miss F. Drake and Miss Doris Mason.

In the party going away there were eight people, Col. and Mrs. Prior, Col. and Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Lampman, Miss Perry, Mrs. R. H. Pooley and Miss Jessie Prior. While Col. and Mrs. Prior are away, Mr. Basil Prior will be with Judge Lampman at Oak Bay.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Harold Robertson was the hostess at a very smart tea at her home on St. Charles street. Daffodils were used as the floral decorations and in the centre of a round table in the corner of the dining room there was a lovely silver basket artistically arranged with daffodils. Mrs. Robertson wore pale blue embroidered silk and was assisted by her sister, Mrs. G. H. Barnard, in tan voile and lace. A few of those there were Mrs. Dunsmuir, wearing purple cloth, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Burton, in pink powdered silk; Mrs. Courtney, in brown; Mrs. Lampman, Mrs. Swinerton, Mrs. Gore, Mrs. Grahame, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Magill, Mrs. Janion wore black velvet; Mrs. Herman Robertson, in a pretty maroon cloth suit; Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Baugh-Alan, Mrs. Shallcross, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. J. E. Wilson, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Fred Jones, Mrs. Rome, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. E. Wilson, Mrs. Irving, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Butchart, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Ambery, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Luxton, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Gordon, in gray with black hat; Blacklock, Mrs. A. W. Jones, Miss Lawson, Miss Combe, Miss Perry, Miss Mason, Miss Monieith and Miss Butchart.

On Monday Captain Parry gave a girls' luncheon at the Empire in honor of Miss Gladys Perry. The menu cards prepared especially for the occasion, were very artistic and each one of the girls kept one as a souvenir. The guests were Miss Peters, Miss Parry, Miss Little, Miss Florence Gillespie, Miss Petty Drake, Miss V. Pooley, Miss Jinks Langley, Miss Cobett, Miss Gen. Irving, Miss Cobett, Miss Phyllis Mason, Miss Little, Miss Doris Mason, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Twigg, Mr. Prior, Mr. Ward, Mr. J. H. Lawson, Mr. Pitts, Mr. B. Irving, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Abbott, of Vancouver, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Oliver.

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The dance given last evening by the Fifth Regiment "sergeants" proved to be one of the smartest social events of the season. About 80 couples were present, in either evening or regal attire, and the scene from the balconies was very brilliant. All the arrangements were perfect, the com-

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The Times Nature Club

Bird Study.

The only way to learn about the birds is to go where the birds are, to keep perfectly still, or to move very gently, and to go alone or with someone who will not talk.

It is very interesting to read about birds and to look at their pictures, but that is only second hand study. An endeavor is being made to interest people in the birds through this club, but unless the person who reads this goes out into the woods, the fields or the gardens and there watches the birds himself or herself, this department will not be of much value.

There is no hobby that is so cheap, and at the same time gives so much pleasure as this study of the birds or other wild things around us. All one needs is a good pair of eyes and a notebook and pencil. It is possible to do without the notebook and pencil, but it is much better to have them. To write down what one sees impresses it upon the memory, and the information is often valuable later on when making further investigations.

Some people go out and never see anything unless it is a dog fight or something exciting like that. They trample under foot hundreds of wonderful things that they never dream are so near them. There are hundreds of tragedies enacted in the garden that are never noticed. This writer has been living right in the heart of the city, yet there are two little birds that seem to make their home in a small pine tree in the garden and numbers of others visit the place. In the office the sparrows often come to the window ledge and eat the crumbs placed there for them. Anyone who is fond of the birds can learn a good deal about them.

It is always an advantage to have a pair of field glasses if you have them, when going out to watch the birds, but if you have none and are in earnest you can learn almost as much without them. An occasional trip to the museum to make comparisons is almost

laji dead tree with the top broken off for the nesting place.

Hungarian Partridges.

I was very glad to notice in your column that one of our public-spirited citizens has imported some partridges from Europe and intends liberating them on the island. If I may be allowed to say so I think that the sooner they are liberated the better, for in the part of England where I lived (with a somewhat later spring than we have here) the partridges paired in February. They (as I suppose nearly everyone knows), like open country (as they do not alight on trees), with low scrub, bracken, or turnip or potato fields adjacent for shelter.

I feel I must apologize, Mr. Editor, for trespassing on your space more than I intended to when I began this.

W. J. D.

(No apology is needed from W. J. D. It is to be noted that the club will often hear from him.—Editor.)

A Story.

Last week some of the younger folks were disappointed because there was no story for the Nature Club. Bailey's lynx does not live on Vancouver Island, but it is a native of parts of British Columbia, inhabiting the inland regions. There are two good examples of this lynx in the museum, but the animals are prettier, more like big tabby cats in the winter season. The following story is about an experience a boy had with one of these:

The Lynx.

Almost all the inhabitants of the forest move without noise, but none so stealthy and so perfectly silent as the

BAILEY'S LYNX.

lynx. When watching for his prey he will give a glance now and then at the woodpecker's hole to see how the digging was getting on. Then a very faint squeak was heard beneath some brambles. Both the bird and the boy were very much alert. The squeak was repeated just a little louder and nearer to the edge of the bush, where the bird sat. The cruel eyes seemed, perhaps in Dick's imagination, to grow more cruel. A moment later the grass on the edge of the bush could be seen to move. At the same moment the shrike darted from his perch and had the little fury creature in his curve bill. There was a much louder squeak than before, which ended almost as soon as it began.

Suddenly something dropped on the catcher and caught. Dropped from one of the contortions of the mountain alder. A cat, but not of the domestic variety, was sitting there, lying there, or crouching there, call it what you will, for it was all three. For ten minutes he had been sitting the shrike in his power, yet he had not moved to take advantage of the fact. Now at the moment of the shrike's triumph he had silently allowed himself to fall feet downward, not to avert a tragedy, but to enact a double one.

As the lynx dropped Dick gave an involuntary start. The lynx saw the bird and letting go the bird and the mouse, he crouched backwards with a snarl. Seeing that the boy did not move and that he looked inoffensive, he again seized the bird and mouse and with a rustling growl made off into the thickets.

To say that Dick was startled would be putting it mildly, but besides

being startled he was elated. He had

never expected to see anything like

the shrike story in itself.

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lynx. When watching for his prey he will be crouched on the branch of a tree or on a rock with his legs always ready for a spring should any of the smaller or less fierce inhabitants of the woods chance that way. His food consists chiefly of the mice and other small mammals, with grouse for variety, and snake when nothing better is to be obtained.

Dick Woodward was a boy of about

twelve years of age who had been

attending school in the Okanagan valley,

where the teacher was a naturalist.

Dick had become infected to such an

extent that he would sit for hours in

the woods and fields, looking and listening, inhaling at one and the same time the wonderful invigorating air of that region, and the sounds, scents, scenes and mysteries of the wild life around him.

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Capital, \$100,000, Divided Into 100,000 Shares of \$1.00 Each

PATRON AND VISITOR

The Hon. James Dunsmuir, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, has consented to become Patron and Visitor of the School.

PROSPECTUS

This Company has been formed to acquire, amalgamate and carry on:

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Organized by the Rev. W. W. Bolton in 1898, and since 1906 has been conducted by him and J. C. Barnacle as Co-Principals. The School is at present carried on at Oak Bay Avenue and Belcher Street, having in January, 1907, 70 Boarding and Day Pupils on its Roll. The two rented buildings are quite inadequate for the requirements.

QUEEN'S SCHOOL

Organized in 1898, in the City of Vancouver, B. C., and at the time of the removal to this city, January, 1907, having 57 Boarding and Day Pupils, is now conducted by R. V. Harvey, Esq., on Belcher Street in a rented building inadequate for a growing business.

PAYABLE AS FOLLOWS:

25 cents per Share on application;
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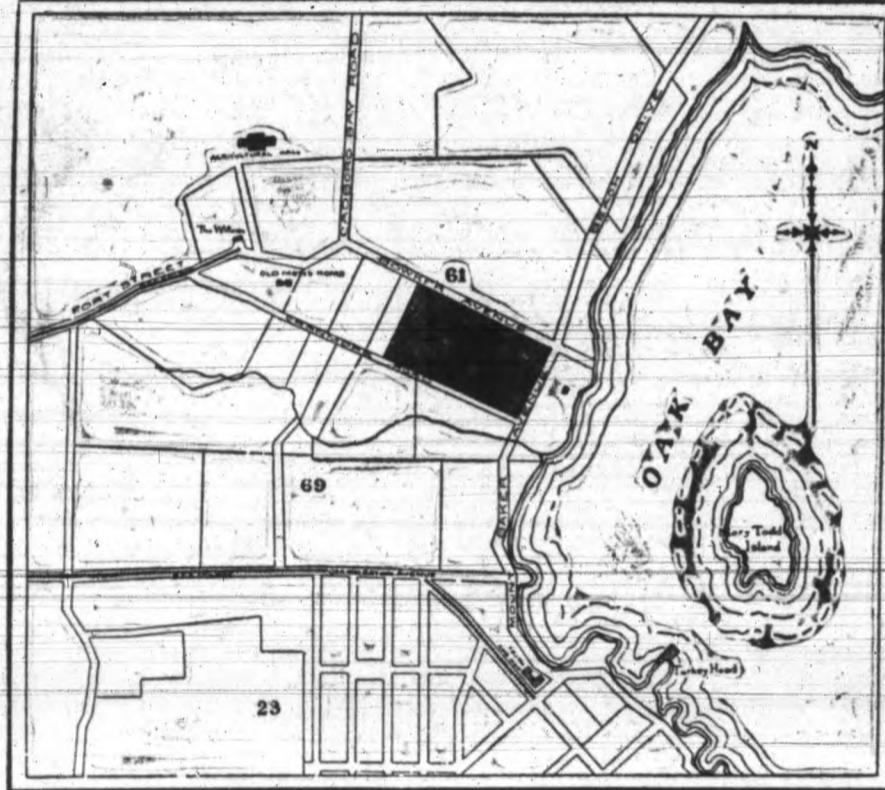
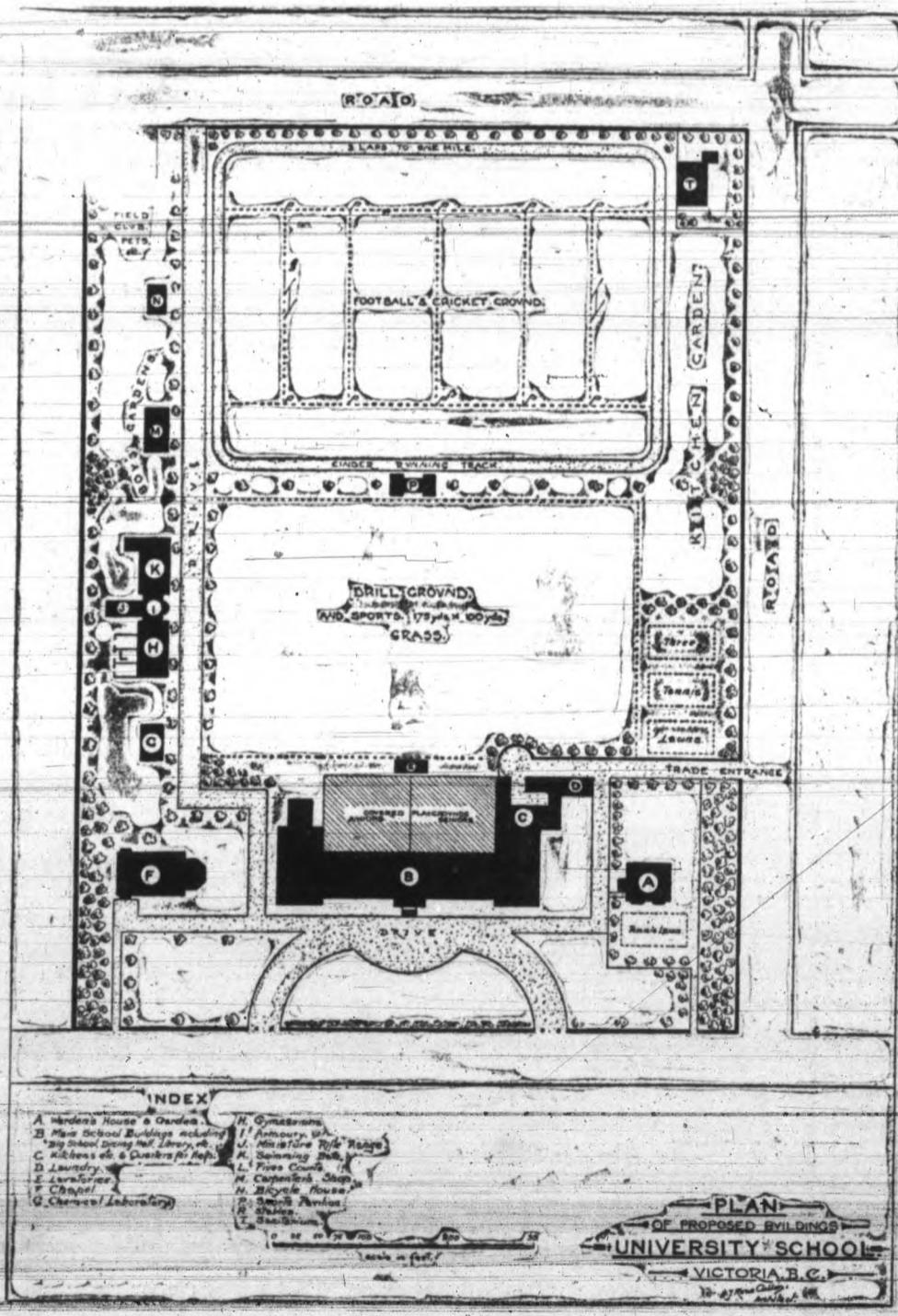
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The following agreements have been entered into:

- Between the Company and W. W. Bolton, whereby he is appointed General Manager until the New School is occupied.
- Between the Company and Messrs. Bolton and Barnacle, whereby the Company upon its taking possession of the new Buildings takes over University School, in consideration of \$5,000 in fully paid up shares for the good-will, and \$2,000 cash for the furniture and effects.
- Between the Company and R. V. Harvey, whereby the Company upon its taking possession of the new Buildings takes over Queen's School, in consideration of \$3,000 in fully paid up shares for the good-will and effects.

The above agreements can be seen at the office of the Company.



LAND

An option has been secured from Mrs. Bowker to purchase 16.07 acres of her estate situated at Oak Bay. The land is admirably adapted to the purpose, being level and within 100 yards of one of the finest of our local beaches, with a commanding view of the Straits and Cascade Range of Mountains.

GROUND PLAN

The accompanying sketch is merely a suggestion but will give a fair notion of what the Directors are aiming at, and will show that no expense is to be spared in constructing what will undoubtedly become the Great School of the West.

PLANS AND BUILDING

Plans will be called for forthwith, embracing the entire pile of buildings contemplated, of which only such portions will be built as are absolutely essential.

The estimated cost of the whole structure, together with the Gymnasium, Pavilions, Laboratory, Armory, Manual Training Shops, Hospital and Chapel, has been estimated by a local architect as not less than \$150,000. It is likely, however, that some of these special buildings will be built by private munificence. The main building will be fire-proof.

ESTIMATED PROFITS

In this connection, not taking into account the fact that, with increased numbers, the expenditure in the matter of food and staff proportionately lessens, the following Certificate tends to prove that the undertaking should be, under careful management, of a highly remunerative nature:

(Copy)

ALBERT F. GRIFFITHS,
Chartered Accountant

Messrs. Bolton and Barnacle,
University School, Victoria, B. C.

Victoria, B. C., 8th February, 1908.

Dear Sirs:

From the figures as shown in your books of accounts for 1907 relative to your School of 30 Boarders and 35 Day Boys, I am of opinion that the calculation, based on your present rate of Fees, of 175 Boarders and 75 Day Boys, producing a net profit of \$15,795.00 per annum, is correct.

Yours faithfully,

ALBERT F. GRIFFITHS,
C. A. (Dom.)

The Directors have in view the possible increase of Capital at a future date as the growth of the School calls for extension.

BEAUTIFYING OF VANCOUVER

PROVINCE SPENDS LARGE SUM ON ENVIRONS

Main Body of Estimates Passed
Committee Yesterday—
Supplementaries Remain.

Yesterday afternoon the main body of the estimates were disposed of in committee of supply. The supplementaries only remained to be considered.

One feature which called for special attention was the heavy vote to Richmond wherein it was shown that the provincial government was devoting a vast sum to beautifying the environs of Vancouver out of the public chest at a very high rate.

The leader of the opposition brought forward the claim of Rossland to special recognition in the way of a revision of a part of the mineral tax.

The fairness with which he presented the case brought from Hon. Dr. Young the statement that he concurred in the view and would endeavor to have it put into effect.

Press Gallery, Feb. 28th.

Immediately upon the House assembling, on motion of the premier, the orders of the day were proceeded to. The House went into committee of supply again.

Tale's Vote.

Stuart Henderson objected to the vote of \$7,000 for Yale. The report of the agent for appropriations omitted several portions of road. In another section of \$6 miles of road only \$1,000 was set aside. There was a quarter of a mile on that section which required the services of a man all the time. This vote was altogether inadequate.

Another 110 miles of road was to be kept in repair with \$400. There were 160 miles of road never mentioned in the report of the road superintendent. There must have been some arrangement arrived at between the chief commissioner and the superintendent.

The chief commissioner assured Mr. Henderson that the amount in the appropriations would be spent on the existing roads and any new work would be provided for.

Mill Bay Road.

On the vote of \$20,000 for the Vancouver Island trunk road, Mr. Williams wanted information.

The chief commissioner said it was proposed to expend this on the Mill Bay road.

Mr. Williams wanted to know what it would cost.

The chief commissioner said that it was estimated to cost \$34,000. To do it under contract would probably reduce it considerably.

Mr. Williams thought that if the road could be done for a small sum it might be all right. The road, however, was to be provided purely because of a few parasitical people who ran up and down the Island in the summer time with automobiles. The time of these people might just as well be employed in climbing Sooke Hills as in any other way.

Premier McBride said that he would take the responsibility for this. His actions was based upon representations made to him. The road was impassable. Unless the road was put in shape Victoria was cut off from communication with a considerable portion of the outlying sections. He did not propose to expend money in beautifying the country about Victoria by supplying automobile paths. This was a necessity. It was nonsense to say that this road would be of no use in a commercial sense. If it was found that the road was not needed the money would not be expended by the government.

Mr. Williams said that Cowichan farmers would not bring their produce to Victoria. The farmers of Esquimalt would not pack produce to Cowichan. Cowichan hay would not be brought into Victoria to compete with Fraser valley hay. There already existed a railway and waterway parallel with this road. The needs of the people living in the bush was not being provided for and he opposed the building of automobile roads.

The item passed.

Island Road.

The vote of \$9,225 for the Victoria-

Campbell river road called for a request from Mr. Brewster as to what portion of the road was to be improved by this.

The chief commissioner explained that the road was about 150 miles in length and extended through Comox, Alberni, Newcastle and Cowichan.

Mr. Brewster asked for the mileage in each district, as it was contended that certain sections were favored in the expenditure.

The chief commissioner said he would get the mileage.

Alberni Road.

Mr. Brewster objected to the vote of \$1,900 for the Englishman's River-Alberni road. The sum was insignificant. It would not put the mountain section in repair. Teaming for the E. & N. extension had been very heavy, and the road was cut up, so that a vast sum would be required to put it in shape.

He hoped that adequate provision would be made in the supplementary estimates for this.

The item passed.

Dewdney Trunk Road.

The Dewdney trunk road appropriation of \$10,000 was inquired into by Mr. Oliver.

The premier said that this road was being constructed to give a trunk road which would be one of the best travelled in the province. It was to be continued to Harrison Bay.

Mr. Henderson thought the road could be brought about Harrison lake and continued.

The premier said this would cost an enormous sum.

Cariboo's Needs.

Harry Jones wanted to know, on the item of \$22,500 for the Cariboo open trunk road, how much was to be spent in Cariboo.

The chief commissioner said about \$10,000 would be spent in Cariboo. The rest would be in Lillooet and Yale.

Mr. Jones said he understood that \$17,000 had been asked for the Cariboo portion alone.

Beautifying Point Grey.

When the aid to Point Grey road of \$10,000 was reached, Mr. Oliver called attention to the fact that \$113,000 had been spent on this since the House last met.

The chief commissioner outlined what had been done and various avenues and streets were mentioned. It was proposed, according to what was now planned, to level certain streets.

About ten miles of streets had been covered by this according to what had been done.

Mr. Oliver pointed out that ten miles of streets had cost \$113,000 or \$11,300 a mile. This approximated very closely the cost of laying a railway for the distance. He wanted full information as to what was done.

The minister explained that 2.53 miles of road were slashed, 2.65 miles were rough graded, and 7.7 miles were graded and metal placed on them. The chaining was 66 feet wide and the grading 24 feet.

Mr. Oliver pointed out that this has cost \$8,000. This was at the rate of \$7,500 a mile. He himself had built a road a few years ago near there with bridges, at \$800 a mile. The government had admitted that workmen were being paid 20 cents an hour. He wanted to know what the road superintendent got.

Hon. Mr. Fulton said he got \$120 a month. There was a considerable portion of this spent in surveys. There were 23 miles of road done.

Richmond's Landscape Gardener.

Mr. Oliver said that there had been almost \$7,000 paid to a landscape gardener to lay this out. This was a higher figure than was paid for the survey of the G. T. P.

Hon. Mr. Fulton said that there was more road surveyed than was built.

Mr. Oliver went into the question of the conduct of the road work in Richmond. A landscape gardener was required to superintend the work there so that what was a necessity in Richmond was a luxury in other parts of the province. A man was required at the rate of \$5 a day there, with men who were doing the actual work at 20 cents an hour.

Hon. Mr. Fulton said that a private corporation near Victoria was doing a similar work to what the government did at Point Grey, hoping thereby to make a larger profit out of the lands.

Mr. Oliver said that might be true, and it was also true that the G. T. P. was employing a landscape gardener at Prince Rupert. This money was being paid by the corporations, however, and not by the government.

Mr. Williams pointed out that the superintendent of roads in Richmond cost about \$412 for travelling for two months.

A Long Year.

Mr. Oliver said it would be found

ALMOST GIVEN UP

"FRUIT-A-TIVES" SAVED HIS LIFE

Mr. Dingwall was Superintendent of St. Andrews Sunday School in Williams town for nine years and License Commissioner for Glengarry — and Tax Collector for Charlottenburg—for fourteen years continuously. Read how strongly Mr. Dingwall comes out in favor of "Fruit-a-tives."



Williamstown, Ont., April 5th, 1907.

I have much pleasure in testifying to the almost marvellous benefit I have derived from taking "Fruit-a-tives." I was a life long sufferer from Chronic Constipation and the only medicine I ever secured to do me any real good was "Fruit-a-tives." This medicine cured me when everything else failed. Also, last spring, I had a severe attack of bladder trouble with kidney trouble, and "Fruit-a-tives" cured these complaints for me, when the physician attending me had practically given me up. I am now over eighty years of age and I can strongly recommend "Fruit-a-tives" for Chronic Constipation and bladder and kidney trouble. This medicine is mild like fruit, is easy to take, but most effective in action.

Sgd) JAMES DINGWALL.

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from the public accounts that the man put in thirteen months in the year.

The chief commissioner said he could find only four months charged up to Chilliwack, one month to Delta, four months to Dewdney and two months to Richmond.

Mr. Oliver called attention to two more months to Chilliwack.

Hon. Mr. Fulton said that he found that one of these extra months was for the year previous.

Mr. Oliver said that he did not doubt an explanation could be found some way. He pressed for an explanation of the \$42 of travelling expenses in the two months in Richmond.

No explanation was offered.

Mr. Oliver also wanted an explanation of \$2,500 being put down as expended in Delta, whereas the money was spent under the municipality.

Mistake in Vote.

The vote of \$1,000 for the St. Mary's river extension, Dr. King asked an explanation.

The chief commissioner said that he had intended to make it \$2,000. A mistake had been made but it would be provided for.

W. R. Ross did not oppose this vote, but explained that Cranbrook's roads were in good shape as a general thing, having been well looked after in past years, while Col. Baker represented the district. Fernie was not so well provided for.

Hedley Road.

The vote of \$10,000 for the Twenty-Mile Creek called for an explanation, and L. W. Shatford explained it was for a road to be built to one of the best mines on the continent, the Nickel Plate mine at Hedley.

Sheep Creek Vote.

A vote of \$2,000 for Sheep Creek road led to a question from Harry Jones as to whether it was in Cariboo.

It was explained to be in Ymir, and W. J. Schofield said there were a number of shipping mines on it.

Mr. Jones explained that there was a Sheep Creek in Cariboo where \$6,000 had been asked for a road. He explained that miners travelling along the trail were afraid of losing their lives. They walked ahead and led the horses. There were really no roads in Cariboo that could be amended. The engineers simply travelled along the path made by the prospectors. He proposed that this Sheep Creek vote be transferred to Cariboo.

An Expensive Trail.

On the vote of \$3,000 for Pemberton Meadows trail, attention was called to the fact that this was the third year in which \$2,000 had been voted for this trail. Mr. Oliver thought it was time a road was supplied if it was to cost this much.

Mark Eagleton said that for two months it had been found impossible to get the mail in over this trail, but had to go in by Lillooet. He thought the trail should be put in shape.

Texada Roads.

On the vote of \$10,000 for Texada, the material was offered by the Marchie Bay mine to the government all ready to be put on the roads. There was not the money available, he understood, to allow of this being done. He thought surely this should be remedied.

Bridges.

Dr. King pleaded for a bridge at Warden.

Mr. Brewster wanted to know if a bridge was provided for Lawson's creek.

This would be built, it was promised.

Van Anda Wharf.

Mr. Brewster wanted to know if the Van Anda wharf would be put in order. This was promised, would be done.

Ferry Votes Short.

Mark Eagleton wanted to know why the appropriation for Churn creek ferry was cut down to \$400. It would be impossible to get a man to stay there for that.

It was promised to change this to \$500, the same as last year.

Several other mistakes were discov-

ered, including the ferry at Twenty-Mile Post, above Lillooet. These it was promised would be righted.

Coyotes Useful.

Stuart Henderson wanted the bounty on coyotes increased, as they do damage to the feathered game.

Hon. Dr. Young, however, said that while he favored destroying the coyotes in the north, he had met by the objection in the southern part of the province that these animals did good by destroying the small vermin.

Rossland's Claim.

On the vote of \$4,000 to the city of Rossland, J. A. Macdonald pointed out the peculiar position of Rossland. That city was dependent almost altogether upon the mines. The mines were in the city limits. The machinery, etc., used in that city were exempted from taxation by the municipality and the taxes went to the province. The education of the miners' families had to be provided by the city. All other civic affairs had to be carried out by the city.

The only source of revenue was the small amount due from the tax on the personal property. Rossland should be dealt with fairly. The province, he argued, was entitled to the mineral tax.

The province was taking more than the mineral tax, however. The personal property to a large extent is as much as the machinery of the mines was being taxed. This really belonged to the city.

Rossland, if she got her rights,

would get \$10,000 as a matter of right, to be deducted from the amount of the 2 per cent. mineral tax, instead of having a gratuity of \$3,000 given. He thought \$5,000 should be given this year, which would only be half of what she was entitled to. Real property in Rossland had to be assessed at twice its value in order to raise the taxes necessary. This was known. The city did not have the right to repudiate its just liabilities, as some municipalities had done.

The sum of \$5,000 should be given to the city, to arrive at what was just.

Hon. Dr. Young, Will. A. Tait.

Hon. Dr. Young said, speaking as a private member, and not as a member of the government, he could say that he agreed with what Mr. Macdonald had said. He had placed the situation fairly before the House, and he perfectly agreed with his conclusions. He would assure the member for Rossland that his influence would be used on the executive to secure a recognition of Rossland's claims in this respect.

Grant to Phoenix.

On the grant of \$300 to the city of Phoenix, Hon. R. G. Tatlow said that the grant had been based on the taxes derived from the personal property of the mines within the city.

Mr. Macdonald contended that the same treatment should be meted out to Rossland. The personal property of the mines in Rossland would amount to \$1,000,000. The taxes on this would be \$10,000 at least, which should be returned to Rossland.

Agent General's Office.

On the vote for the agent general's office the premier was called upon to repeat his yearly story to the grand work done by Agent General Turner. Ontario was considering appointing an official to do the duties that Mr. Turner was doing. He had himself had the opportunity of visiting the office of the agent general, and he was a busy man.

Mr. Oliver said it was not the privilege of all to travel at the country's expense and see what the agent general was doing.

"Your time is coming," returned Hon. Dr. Young.

"Yes, but some of us may be dead before our time comes," said Mr. Oliver. He did not believe Mr. Turner was giving service.

Mr. Henderson thought the agent general did good work.

The Salvation Army.

\$50 for a line

We will give FIFTY DOLLARS in gold to the person who sends us the best line to complete the "Limerick" below. Answers may be in any form, although we prefer that they be written upon the back of a label taken from a can of Ghirardelli's Ground Chocolate.

Competitors may submit as many lines as they wish, and if two or more persons submit the line decided upon, the money will be divided. Answers must be mailed on or before April 1st, addressed to GHIRARDELLI'S CONTEST, 18 Montgomery Street, San Francisco.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

A BREAD LINE OF LONG AGO.

The International Sunday School Lesson for March 1st is, "Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand." John vi 1-21.

By William T. Ellis.

New York's famous "bread line," wherein hundreds of hungry men stand in line at midnight on the chance of receiving a stale loaf of bread, appeals to the popular imagination. It has its counterpart at many other points in New York City, and in the other great cities of the land; especially in these times of distress, when there are so many needy to be fed.

Most interesting of all "bread lines," though, is that of more than five thousand hungry persons who were lined up and fed on a hillside overlooking the Sea of Galilee by the great Nazarene teacher, two thousand years ago. Picturesque, impressive, moving, miraculous—the scene has gripped the imagination of painter, student and people, even as it laid such strong hold of the minds of all four evangelists that they have in common only this one of all the miracles of Jesus.

No time for Tears.

As the hurried, harried, overwrought business man of to-day seeks a few days of rest at mountain or seaside, so Jesus and his followers planned a quiet "retreat" for themselves. One reason was that the Twelve had just returned from a taxing missionary tour of Galilee. Their Leader had said,

"Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest a while; for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat." The importance of quiet times in the life of his servants was clearly perceived by Jesus; and these words are still in force.

There was another reason why Jesus sought seclusion from the clamorous, uncomprehending rabble. A great sorrow had come upon him, an event of deep significance to his life and to his ministry. His kinsman and herald, John the Baptist, had been decapitated by Herod. What this meant to the sensitive spirit of Mary's Son even a dull imagination can partially comprehend. He had lost his great witness and his friend. Because of him John had died. This great sorrow over-shadowed his spirit, making of slight importance the fact that he, too, had to flee from the jealous Herod's jurisdiction.

As a wounded deer seeks the densest bushes to hide that this crowd pressed upon

wood, so the smitten heart of Jesus sought solitude in his grief. Right here entered another duty, and a higher: for even the Son of God may not cherish His own sorrow above the world's need. True grief is so holy that it dare not be selfish. The multitude pursued Jesus, whose hand and heart had been proved to be of such helpfulness to men's varied needs. Their motive was selfish, but their want was real. The miracles had brought to each man a hint of possible succor for His own peculiar need. The neighborhood crowd was augmented by the hosts of pilgrims en route to the Passover at Jerusalem, for the fame of the Wonder-worker had spread widely. So eager were the masses to see and hear Him that they ran afoot around the head of the lake, which he was crossing by boat.

The compassionate One. That spectacle was irresistible. All thought of his own grief and of the needs of Himself and followers was submerged, in the mind of Jesus, by the sicknesses, griefs and ignorance of this clamant host. So he taught them all to be kind to the weak and helpless. The Bountiful One, resolved themselves later into a desire for food.

This made the lieutenants of the Master uneasy. They would have sent the mob away, shifting back on each the responsibility for food. They had not the wherewithal in sight to feed them, nor had they anything like the immense sum of thirty or forty dollars necessary to buy food from the neighboring villages. The Lord does not believe in these easy evasions of obligation. He puts up to the individual the claims of the many; if obedient to Him, nobody could disregard the social problems of our time. "Give ye them to eat," is the way He turned this big responsibility over to His disciples.

The resultant incidents were a capital instance of organized charity. First, there was the Master's part: He provided the motive, the direction, the thanksgiving and the spirit of economy, holding the others up the their duties.

In the great scheme of present day co-operative benevolence, Jesus represents the spirit of love and compassion; the sustaining force that makes all else possible.

The second party in this organized relief were the disciples. They had the practical work to do; they were the ways and means committee. All the moving and free was theirs. The most efficient member appears to have been that quiet man, Andrew, who had a knack of producing the person whom Jesus needed. It was the disciples who arranged the "bread line" seating the company in orderly rows on the grass, and who carried out the actual work of distribution, and later of the collection of the fragments. They were the essential medium of the whole charity. No convention, church or organization would "go" if it were made up of speech-makers and preachers, and no humble workers.

Then a vital link in the chain of relief was the small boy. "Only a boy," yet through him five thousand were fed. His provident mother had put up a lunch of five flat barley cakes, with some fish relish. What a remarkable boy he was—or, rather, what exciting sights he had been seeing and what absorbing words he had been hearing—that he had not gobbled up that lunch long before noon! Wouldn't you like to hear the story of this day's events as he afterward often rehearsed it to his family, his neighbors, and later, to his own children and grandchildren?

A Co-operative Charity. Where help is, the needy resort, be it soup-kitchens for the hungry, a doctor's office for the sick, a church for the spiritually needy. That is why the miscellaneous multitude, with their varying wants, dogged the footsteps of Jesus. And, as all humanity is tethered by a short chain to the elemental needs of nature, all the assortment of working men, the agent of the "sign" wrought, and the number of persons affected, and the multitude of witness, this miracle is commonly con-

sidered one of the greatest performed by Christ. Note, however, as commentators have pointed out, it was not a miracle of new creation, but of multiplication. Jesus increased, transformed, healed, restored; He never created. The work of Providence continues.

So outstanding and marvelous an act as this feeding of five thousand scarcely needs comment. It still speaks its own message. It was born of Christ's compassion for man's need; divine power has ever been exerted for human service. Let the man who is tempted to think that the Lord is too high to be concerned for His temporal affairs remember the miracle of the loaves and fishes. It was also a "sign," one more attestation of the deity of Jesus.

Incidentally, it conveyed practical and needed suggestion. There was the "grace before meat," which accompanied the miracle. Too many Christian tables are unblessed an unthankful. Again the whole procedure was orderly. God always works so. There is warrant in this incident for the modern organized forms of religion. "Let all things be done decently and in order." And, finally, and most practically, here was a lesson in thrift to an improvident company of people. Of the fragments which remained, enough was gathered to fill the wallets of the twelve. The Lord's givings are always to overflowing, but he permits no waste. Jesus could multiply loaves at will—yet He carefully saved the food left over for the feast. The pinch to-day is a bitter reminder to many of the waste of yesterday. Thrift is not a denial of faith, but an expression of it.

SEVEN SENTENCE SERMONS.

A life of pleasure makes even the strongest minds frivolous at last.—Bulwer.

Light rejected enlighteneth night.—Anon.

Whoever will attain in his work to a higher level of success must walk on a higher level of sacrifice.—Anon.

When the fight begins within himself, a man's worth something.—Brownings.

You will generally suffer if you appear other than you are; the mask soon becomes an instrument of torture.—Phelps.

My work is mine, And heresy or not, if my hand slackened.

I should rob God.—George Eliot.

There is not any virtue the exercise of which, even momentarily, will not impress a new fairness upon the features.—Ruskin.

LED AND LEADING

Terse Comments on the Uniform Prayer-meeting Topic of the Young People's Societies—Christian Endeavor, English Young People's Union, Epworth League, etc., for March 1st, "The Heart of the Heart. How God Leads Man." Psalm 23.

By William T. Ellis.

The twenty-third Psalm is truly a "Song of the heart." It is as nearly a universal bit of literature as there is in the world. Wherever men and women know the true God and the Book that reveals him, there men and women are accustomed to express their highest experiences of faith in these few simple words, penned three millenniums ago by David, Israel's shepherd king.

A good creed for childhood and old age, and for all the periods between, is this one, "The Lord is my Shepherd." There come periods in every person's existence when he no longer wants to be counted strong and brave and masterful; when he wants only to be led down in the bosom of the protecting shepherd. The sheep is not celebrated for its wisdom, but for its trustfulness. To give over all care and responsibility to the power of the loving Lord—that is peace. And it is an ideal of comfort and protection which can be found nowhere but in the Hebrew or Christian conception of God.

God leads his own beside the still waters. That is the Psalmist's picture of of peace, for he has the priceless heritage of all who trust the Lord. Some men do not want the still waters; they prefer the hurly-burly and turmoil of the hustling world and contact with the maddening crowd. But God knows how sorely our careworn hearts need peace. Sometimes he lets us through the storm and tempest refresh our waters through the doorway of pain or sorrow. What of that? The goal is worth the journey; no price is too great to pay for any one of God's great gifts.

"I will fear no evil." Of course there is evil in the world; the Good Shepherd himself likened them to a wolf who is an inveterate enemy, which disregards all the bad in humanity is no true philosopher. Evil does exist. But it need not conquer. Why not? Let the Psalmist answer: "For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me." The greatest factor in life is not fear, but God.

"Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?" The voice of Jesus whispers peace with in.

Burglars have been busy in our town of late. Their frequent raids have greatly excited the quiet little suburb. Some people are in a panic of terror. In every wind-blown shrub, every rattling window, every creaking board, they imagine a robber. Their life is a continual torment of fear. Others there be who seem not greatly concerned; they are a shade more careful about locking up at nights, but that is all. They will not let the presence of this danger roll them into a treasure more than the quiet silver world in which is their peace of mind. So it is with the evil that is all about us in life; we should be careful about it, but not fearful. "The Lord is my Shepherd. He leadeth me.... I will fear no evil."

Every leader is, after all, only a follower. His trustworthiness as a leader depends altogether upon who or what he is following. They lead best who are led by the great ideals which find their embodiment in God. For, ultimately, all leadership is leadership of the people, and leadership of the people is leadership of the powers of darkness who embodies all the principles of selfishness. The thought may be considered rather startling.

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"Passivity is a Christian virtue. My feet are in the hand." It is well to regard ourselves not as strong, but as strengthened, not as leading, but as led.

"The Shepherd of our lives is such a good shepherd that he even uses seemingly hard methods to keep close to himself and from wandering into forbidden pastures. Stern words are as befitting as sweet in a leader."

With a good guide the longest journey seems short.

The proof of best leadership is—rivalry. He "gets there." Whoever accepts God as his life, and follows him, will be a leader. There will be many pleasant and difficult and dangerous experiences by the way, but the end is sure. For life's long journey there is only one sure guide.

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God's sheep are well bred, well fed and well led.

NEWS AND NOTES.

At the request of the Dutch authorities, the Salvation Army is taking charge of a dispensary in the Island of Java.

Protestant churches of the world last year spent \$21,483,500 for foreign mission work.

A new summer Bible school, on the lines of Moody's famous Northfield, has been projected at Montrose, Pa., by Dr. R. A. Torrey, the leader of the movement.

A recent church canvas of two populous districts of Glasgow revealed only seventy-six persons, out of 13,998, who declared themselves hostile to religion. The non-churchgoing percentage of the whole number was 17 per cent.

A modern form of propaganda is that adopted by the propagandists who have been publishing in the advertising columns of the daily newspapers a two-inch advertisement called "The Paragraph Pulpit." Each day some doctrinal or practical point is expounded.

Three notable accessions to Unitarianism have recently been reported from the orthodox wing of Protestantism. They include Rev. Dr. Henry Preserved Smith, whose heresy trial by the Presbyterians

created a breeze several years ago, and who is now connected with the Mendville (Pennsylvania) Unitarian Seminary.

Dr. Henry Goodwin Smith, D.D., also formerly of Lane Theological Seminary, has recently been admitted into the fellowship of New England Unitarians.

Rev. Theodore B. Bonner, member of a distinguished Congregationalist family, has himself formerly a Congregationalist pastor at Flint, Mich., has become pastor of the North Unitarian Church, at Salem, Mass.

They recently died in New Lebanon, N.Y., a woman aged one hundred and one years, who had been for eighty-five years a member of the Congregational church in that place. This was to be the record church membership for length.

Two thousand men were enrolled at the Men's Foreign Missionary Convention held in Philadelphia a few days ago. This is perhaps the largest gathering of men ever met for missionary purposes in America under the auspices of one denomination.

It has hitherto been the custom in Portugal to arrest colporteurs offering Bibles for sale. The highest court of Portugal

has recently given a decision which really encourages the sale of Bibles in that country by any responsible agents.

For the purpose of looking after Methodists who have to strange cities, the Methodist Episcopal Church maintains

Church Certificate Bureaus in Chicago,

St. Louis, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Denver, El Paso, and Little Rock; Methodist pastors from other places send to these bureaus the names of people who move into their territories.

The famous evangelistic combination of Torrey and Alexander has been broken by the death of Mr. Charles Alexander.

The latter will hold a campaign in Philadelphia, beginning in March, that will probably bring together a greater number of evangelistic workers than any similar crusade of modern years. In the fall Chapman and Alexander will go around the world.

God's Word is the Word of the Lord.

It is the Word of the Lord.

THE YELLOW GOD

By H. RIDER HAGGARD

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CHAPTER XXVI.

The Asiki.

Dawn began to break in the forest, and Alan woke in his shelter and stretched himself. He had slept soundly all the night, so soundly that the innocent Jeeki wondered much whether his old chanceman he also had taken a hit out of that whiskey bottle, as indeed he had recommended him to do. People who drink whiskey after long abstinence from spirits are apt to sleep long, he reflected.

Alan crept out of the shelter and gazed affectionately at the tent in which Barbara slumbered. Thank heaven she was safe so far, as for some unknown reason, evidently the Asiki had postponed their attack. Just then a claxon arose in the air, and he perceived Jeeki striding about him waving one arm in an excited fashion, with the other he dragged along the captain of the porters, who appeared to be praying for mercy.

"Here pretty go, Major," he shouted, "devil and all to pay! That my Lord, he gone and bolted. That silly fool say that 'tree hours ago he hear something break through fence and think it only hyena what come to steal, so take no notice. Well, that hyena, you guess who he is. You come look, Major, you come look, and then we tie this fellow up and flog him."

Alan ran to Ayward's tent, and it was empty.

"Look," said Jeeki, who had followed, "see how he do business, that jolly clever hyena, and he pointed to a broken whiskey bottle and some severed cords. 'You see he manage break bottle in there. Then he do hyena doo-hoo-hoo."

Alan inspected the articles, nor did any shadow of doubt enter his mind.

"Certainly he managed very well," he said, "for a London-bred man, but, Jeeki, what can have been his object?"

"Oh! who know, Major? Mind of man very strange thing; p'raps he no bear to see you and Miss Barbara together; p'raps he bolt coast, get ear of local magistrate before you, p'raps he sit up tree to shoot you; p'raps nasty temper make him mad. But he gone, anyway, and I hope he no meet Asiki, poor fellow, 'cause if so, who know, p'raps they knock him on head, or if they think him you, they make him prisoner and keep him long while before they let him go again."

"Well," said Alan, "he has gone of his own free will; so we have no responsibility in the matter, and I can't pretend that I am sorry to see the last of him, at any rate, for the present. Let that poor beggar loose; there seems to have been enough flogging in this place, and after all he isn't much to blame."

Jeeki obeyed, apparently with much reluctance, and just then saw one of their own people running towards the camp.

"'Fraid he going to tell us Asiki come attack," said Jeeki, shaking his head. "Hope they give us time—breakfast first."

"No doubt," answered Alan nervously, for he feared the result of that attack.

Then the man arrived breathless and began to gasp out his news, which filled Alan with delight, and caused a look of utter amazement to appear upon the face of Jeeki. With the effect that he had climbed a high tree as he had been bidden to do, and from the top of that tree, by a long pull of the first rays of the rising sun miles away on the plain beyond the forest, he had seen the Asiki army in full retreat.

"Thank God!" exclaimed Alan.

"Yes, Major, but that very rum tale, Jeeki can't swallow it all at once. Must send out some of them left behind. P'raps they play trick, but if they really gone, 'spose it is because—gun-frightened them so much. Always think powder very great 'ventur, especially when enemy ain't got none, and quite sure of it now, Jeeki very, very seldom wrong. Soon believe," he added with a burst of confidence, "that Jeeki never wrong at all. He look for truth so long that at last he find it always."

Something more than a month had gone by, and Major and Mrs. Vernon, the latter fully restored to health, and the most sweet and beautiful of brides, stood upon the steamer-ship Benin, and as the sun sank, looked their last upon the coast of Western Africa.

"Yes, dear," Alan was saying to his wife, "from first to last it was a very queer story, but I really think that our getting that Asiki gold after all was one of the queerest parts of it; also uncommonly convenient as things have turned out."

"Well, love, there isn't much to tell. When that forwarding agent, Mr. Aston, knew that we were in the town, he came to me and said that he had about fifty small cases full of something heavy, as he supposed, samples of ore, addressed to me to care for in

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"Jeeki," said Alan recovering himself, "listen to me: this is all internal nonsense, we have gone through a great deal, and the nerves of both of us are overstrained. We think we saw

what we did not see, and if you dare to say a single word of it to your mistress I'll break your neck. That's all I'll say."

"Yes, Major, think so. All 'fernal nonsense, nerves strained, didn't see what we see, say nothing of what did see to Mrs. Major, it either do say anything, t'other one break his neck. That all right, quite understand. Anything else, Major?"

"Yes, Jeeki. We have had some wonderful adventures, but they are past and done with, and the less we talk, or even think about them the better, for there is a lot that would be rather difficult to explain, and if explained would scarce be believed."

"Yes, Major, for instance, very difficult explain Mrs. Barbara how Asiki so fond of you if you only tell her, 'Go away go away' all the time, like old saint-gentleman to pretty girl in picture. P'raps she smell rat."

"Stop your ribald talk," said Alan in a stern voice. "It would be better if, instead of making jokes, you gave thanks to Providence for bringing both of us alive and well out of very dreadful dangers. Now I am going to dress for dinner," and with an anxious glance seaward in the gathering darkness, he turned and went.

Jeeki stood alone upon the empty deck, wagging his great head to and fro and soliloquising thus:

"Wonder if Major see what under lady Asiki's feet when she stand out there over nasty, deep. Think not he say something. That noble lord not look nice. No, private view for Jeeki only, free ticket and nothing to pay, and me hope it no come back when I go bed. Major know nothing about it, so he not see, but Jeeki know a lot. Hope that Ayward not write any letters home, or if he write, hope no one post them. Ghost bad enough, but murder, oh my!"

He paused a while, then went on: "Jeeki do big sacrifice to Bonsas when he reach Yarley, get lamb in back kitchen at night, or if ghost come any more salt in wood outside. Not steal it, pay for it himself. Then think Jeeki turn Roman Catholic; confess his sins. They say them priest chape not split, and after they got his sins they tackle Asiki, and Bonsas, too," and he uttered a series of penitent groans, turning slowly round and round to be sure that nothing was behind him.

Just then the full moon appeared out of a bank of clouds, and as it rose higher, flooding the world with light, Jeeki's spirits rose also.

"Asiki never come in moonshine," he said. "That not the game, against rule, and after all, what Jeeki done had? He very good fellow, really. Ayward great villain, serve him jolly well right if Asiki scipitate him, that not Jeeki's fault. What Jeeki do, he do to save master and missus who he love. Care nothing for himself, ready die any day."

Keep it dark to save them, too, 'cause they no like the story. If once they know, it always leave taste in mouth, same as bad oyster. Also Jeeki manage very well, take Major safe Asiki, and (Cause Little Bonsas make him), give him very interesting time there, get him plenty gold, nurse him when he sick, noble Mungas, bring him out again, find Miss Barbara, catch hated rival and bamboo all Asiki army, bring happy pair to coast and marry them, arrange first-class honey-moon on ship. Jeeki do all these things, and lots more he could tell; if he vain and not poor humble nigger.

Once more he paused a while, lost in the contemplation of his own modesty and virtues, then continued:

"This very ungrateful world. Major there, he not say 'Thank you, Jeeki, Jeeki, you great wonderful man. Brave Jeeki, astute Jeeki. Jeeki smart as paint who make all world believe just as he like, and one too many for Asiki herself.' No, no, he say nothing like that. He say 'Thank Providence, not Jeeki,' as though Providence do all them things. White folk think they clever, but great fools really, don't know nothing. Providence all very well in his way—p'raps, but Providence not patch on Jeeki."

"Hullo! moon get behind cloud and there second bell; think Jeeki go down and wait dinner, lonely up here, and sure Asiki never stand 'lectric light."

(THE END.)

LEPERS' COLONY.

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PERSONAL.

H. A. Buller of Edmonton, has arrived in Victoria and has taken an interest in the business of Shaw & Co., photographers.

This morning Mr. and Mrs. Brenchley left on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver, where they will spend a few days.

This morning Miss Hall left for Vancouver on the Princess Victoria to spend a few days with her friends there.

Mrs. Arthur Englehart of Dawson, Yukon Territory, is visiting her husband's mother, 66 Douglas street.

This morning F. R. Stewart, the wholesale fruit merchant, left for Vancouver on a short business trip.

Mrs. John Oliver, wife of the member for Delta, is in the city for a few days visiting friends.

F. A. Forbes, an old Victorian, has returned from China and is staying at the Balmoral.

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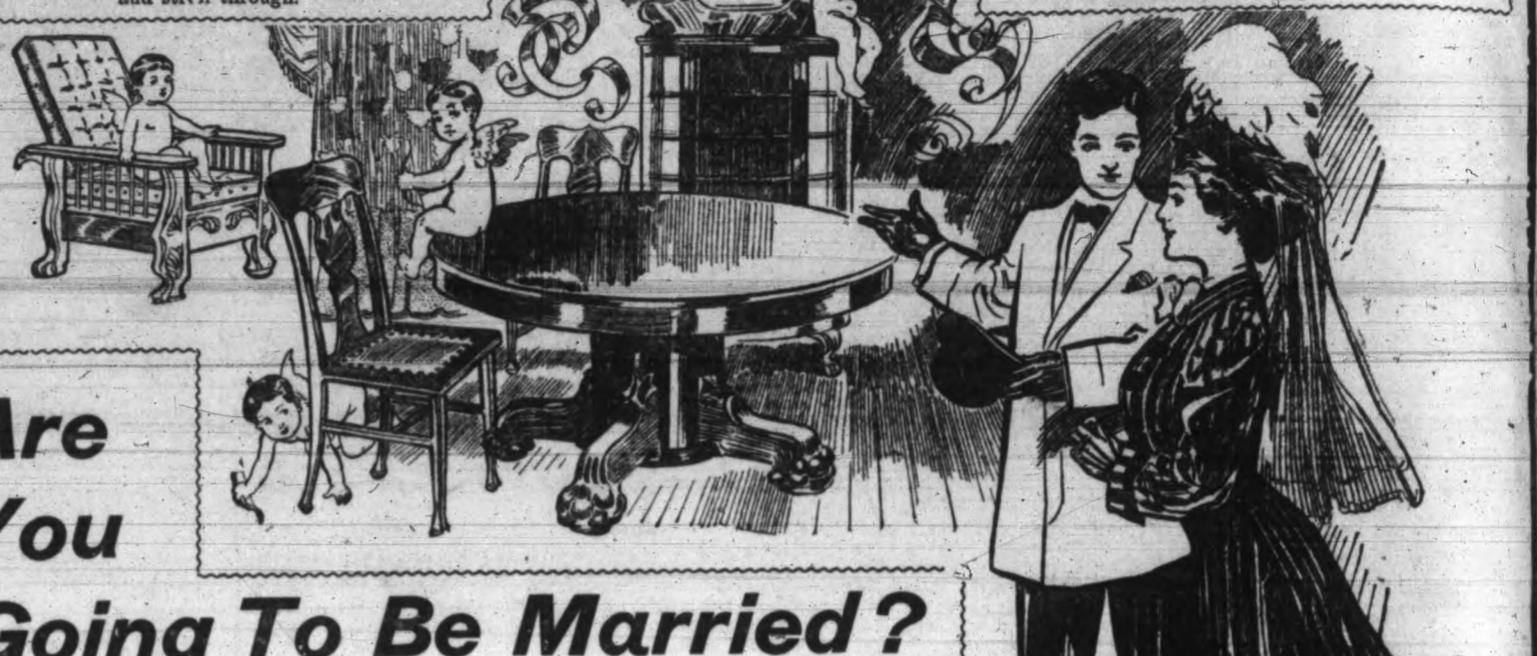
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OBTAIN VERDICT.
United States Wins Suit for Loss of Mail.

The Clamian tragedy is brought again to mind by a verdict in favor of the United States against the Puget Sound Navigation company. Walter E. Onks and Frank E. Burns, for loss of registered mail carried on the vessel the day she was wrecked, on January 4, 1904. The suit was brought by the government to collect \$1,075.45 for registered mail when the steamer Clamian sank while making a trip from Seattle to Victoria.

Several pouches of mail were lost when the boat sank, and in one of these pouches was two registered letters containing \$1,075.45 in bills and currency.

One of the letters contained \$900 in bills of the Royal Bank of Canada, which were shipped by the branch bank at Republic, Wash., to Victoria. By a provision of the Canadian banking law a bank can reissue notes for

stock on the payment of 5 per cent of the face value. The jury held that this \$900 was therefore not lost to the bank, and only allowed 5 per cent of that amount, and in addition allowed the \$175.45 in the other letter.

A CHALLENGE.

Kid Foley Wishes to Box Sam Duffy or Any Other Victorian.

Nanaimo, B.C., Feb. 27.—Dear Sir: I challenge Sam Duffy to a boxing match for \$100 to \$200 a side. If he means business to put the money in the bank and shut up. Failing him, I will be at the Victoria from 125 to 150 pounds, for the same. The winner takes all. I remain, yours,

KID FOLEY
Please answer to the Nanaimo Daily Herald.

Colonel and Mrs. Jones of this city were entertained in Seattle at the Balfour Club by Mrs. E. E. Blaine, when they passed through en route to the Midway.